

PEKING RADIO MAKES ATTACK ON BRITAIN

Five grievances listed in bitter broadcast

HK MOVES ATTACKED

San Francisco, May 20.

The Peking radio attacked Britain's "double-dealing" policy towards Communist China, and accused Britain of violating the principles under which it extended full diplomatic recognition to the Peking Government in January.

Quoting from the weekly magazine, "World Culture," the radio pointed out that although the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, "proposed to establish diplomatic relations" with Communist China, the British representatives in the United Nations Organisation and its affiliates "submissively followed the lead of the American imperialists, either voting against or abstaining from voting" on the numerous Soviet motions to oust the Nationalist delegates from the world organisation.

"The British Government's policy toward China will not only put it in a more disadvantageous position in the Far East," the broadcast said, "but will also meet with the most resolute opposition of the British people and the peoples of Far Eastern countries."

The radio listed five grievances against Britain:

(1) The resolution of the Perak Council to oppose the establishment of a consulate of Communist China.

(2) The banning by the Singapore authorities of over 130 Chinese books suspected of being vehicles of Communist propaganda.

(3) Suppression by the Singapore Government of the Chinese leftist daily, "Nan Chieu Jit Pao."

(4) Restrictions placed by the Hong Kong Government on the entry of Chinese nationals.

(5) The "illegal" detention of 70 civil aircraft claimed by the Peking Government, by the Hong Kong Government.

The radio said that these instances of "repression of Chinese people and infringement of the rights and interests of China" run counter to the conditions under which Britain offered to extend recognition to the Chinese Communist regime.

"The British Government must be reminded that the People's Republic of China has made clear the principles on which it agreed to establish diplomatic relations with Britain. This was enunciated by Chairman Mao Tse-tung, when he said: 'We will be willing, on a basis of principles of equality, mutual benefit, and mutual respect for territorial sovereignty, to negotiate the question of the establishment of diplomatic relations with any foreign government.'"

The broadcast finally asked Britain to "adopt an attitude of genuine, not hypocritical, friendship towards the People's China."

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT, a S.W. gale from the south, with rain, and strong winds, is expected to continue through the day.

Pressure is falling very slowly.

Today's forecast: moderate rain, with strong winds, and rain.

Temperature: 72-80, F.

Humidity: 75-85, F.

Wind: 10-15, F.

Clouds: 10-15, F.

Sea: 10-15, F.

Visibility: 10-15, F.

Direction: 10-15, F.

Force: 10-15, F.

Speed: 10-15, F.

Time: 10-15, F.

Date: 10-15, F.

Year: 10-15, F.

Month: 10-15, F.

Day: 10-15, F.

KMT claims Reds beaten at Chingchow

Taipei, May 20.

Navy headquarters announced today that Marines and naval units "completely wiped out" more than 200 Chinese Reds who landed at Chingchow Island, South West of Hong Kong.

The communists said the naval units "upon learning of the invasion, immediately made a counter landing. The Communists were encircled in the hilly regions of the island. All were killed except 22 who were made prisoners during the four-hour encounter."

Chingchow is part of the Wanshan group in the Pearl River estuary.—United Press.

**Lifting of
blockade**

Shanghai importers, exporters and industrialists are getting ready for "new business" with the outside world, now that the Nationalist blockade has been virtually lifted following the occupation of the Chusan Islands by the Chinese Communists, according to another Peking broadcast.

The virtual smashing of the United States-Kuomintang blockade of Shanghai, with the liberation of the Chusan Islands, has led import and export merchants (in Shanghai) to work out plans for new business, while industrialists are planning to turn out more finished goods," the radio said.

The broadcast added that the end of the blockade was equally good news for Shanghai's many idle dockers and fishermen.—United Press.

**New taxation
system in
Shanghai**

Tax Bureau officers in Shanghai are encountering difficulty in their preparatory work for the enforcement of the newly-promulgated "democratic appraisal" business taxation system, according to Chinese sources in Hong Kong.

They quoted the Chinese Press in Shanghai as saying that many firms have refused to register with the authorities on the ground that they are not doing any business and are fully prepared to close down.

Under the "democratic appraisal system" for business tax payments, the authorities will appraise and decide on the tax payable once every three months.

The total amount of tax and the quotas allotted to different districts and different categories of businesses for each period will first be set according to past data and the sum to be paid by every tax-paying organisation will then be decided by means of appraisal.

The "honour" system, reported by the Chinese Press, is a method by which taxpayers were left to themselves to report on the amount of business done and pay the tax accordingly.

The "honour" system has been discarded because of alleged tax evasion, according to the Chinese Press.

The new system, which is being introduced for the January to March period this year, has been widely criticised by the Chinese Press.

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Passion Play scene



Here is a scene from the famed Passion Play presented at Oberammergau, Bavaria. Christ, played by Innskeeper Anton Freisinger, parts with His Mother-Mary (art student Annemarie Mayr, 23) to face the charges of the High Priests. Banned since 1934, the Passion Play's performances this year renew a tradition of 10-yearly presentation since the early 17th Century. (AP Photo).

Nationalists hold HK ship for ransom

Another Hong Kong-registered vessel has fallen into the hands of the Nationalists who demand a sum of HK\$30,000 before they release the vessel and a crew of between 10 to 15.

The captured vessel is the motor trading vessel, "Lee Kwok," registered as M203T belonging to the Lee Hong Shipping Company of Macao, which has a branch office in Bonham Strand West, Hong Kong.

The vessel usually trades between Hong Kong and Macao, and on May 16, while proceeding to Macao from Hong Kong, she was stopped by a patrol launch which flew the Nationalist flag, near the Man San Islands.

Officers from the launch boarded the vessel, and after checking the cargo which it carried ordered the master to follow the launch into the bay of one of the islands.

After spending a night in the hands of the Nationalists, several of the comrades and cargo owners were released and they obtained passage to Macao on fishing junks.

The whole crew, and one comrade were held captive.

On reaching Macao, the released men told the owners of the demands of the Nationalists regarding the release of the vessel and the crew.

Customs launch

One of the men released said that the launch appeared to be the former Chinese Maritime Customs launch No. 5 and that a man by the name of Fong Ching-tung, was alleged to be in charge.

An official of the branch firm in Hong Kong said yesterday that the matter had been reported to the Hong Kong Authorities and the Company would await their decision on what course should be taken.

He added that as the vessel was Hong Kong registered, the Nationalists might have taken the vessel to use in carrying supplies and men to and from Hong Kong, and the adjacent areas without much fear of detection and interference by Communist authorities and also the local authorities.

K. C. WU DENIES PROSPER REPORT

Taipei, May 20.

Governor K. C. Wu today denied a Hong Kong report that members of the Legislative Yuan and other officials were taken on the Northern Pacific Prosper by Nationalist sympathizers.

The Governor told the United Press: "Not a single Legislative Yuan member or other official is missing. Those who are missing are all Communist agents and their families."

He added that the report was a "complete fabrication" and that the Nationalist Government was not responsible for the actions of its officials.

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MUNITIONS EXPLOSION IN NEW JERSEY PORT

South Amboy, N.J., May 20.

Volunteers poked through the waterfront ruins today, hunting the 20 to 25 stevedores missing and believed killed in a disastrous ammunition barge explosion.

Three persons are known to be dead. More than 300 workers and townspeople are injured. Damage was estimated in millions of dollars.

The mushrooming blast, at first believed, by eyewitnesses to be a sneak atomic bomb attack, occurred at 7:28 EDT last night when tank ammunition exploded while being loaded from railway cars aboard four barges.

Nine persons are in critical condition in hospital. Charles Schoffel, Superintendent of the State Police, said 20 to 25 stevedores aboard the barges were missing. Coroner Frank Kursawa said he feared all the men were killed.

Nearly every building and home in this community of 10,000 was damaged by the blast. A power plant was knocked out, blacking out the city. Telephone lines were cut. Industrial plants were smashed. Docks caught fire. The roof was blown off a night club.

The force of the blast, reminiscent of the famous Black Tom explosion of World War I, was felt in New York City, 22 miles away. Hundreds of housewives shopping in the business area here were among the injured. They were cut by flying glass as store windows were blown out.

Regular army troops, with fixed bayonets, patrolled the city's main streets today to guard against looting and rioting. The heavy guard has been thrown around the South Amboy Trust Company and the First National Bank, both of which had all their windows blown out. Portable gas lamps were set up in the street and searchlights illuminated both banks.

Two hundred and seventy-five soldiers and military police from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and 50 Marines and 200 Coast Guardmen were ordered to the disaster area.

Injured from the blast were treated in half a dozen hospitals in the surrounding communities and by roving first aid units.

Doctors and nurses from as far away as New York City, rushed to the scene and police patrols escorted emergency convoys of blood plasma and other medical supplies to the area. The Defense Department in Washington stood ready to assist if needed. The Eastern headquarters of the Red Cross in the capital went on the alert.

"Bikini blast"

The munitions went up like "one of those Bikini blasts," said John Delany, former Mayor of nearby Perth Amboy. "A low rumble and then a terrific mushroom of exploding gases," he said.

Shell fragments were blown over a wide area and windows and doors were blown out throughout the town.

The Pennsylvania Railroad said its property alone suffered US\$5,000,000 damage. Mayor Leonard said early estimates of US\$1,000,000 to the rest of the town was "putting it mild."

"I have been trying to get the Government to halt the shipment of powder through this port," he said.

Only 11 days ago the Coast Guard put a 500-lb. limit on any single loading of explosives at this small port. The shipment of armaments which blew up tonight was licensed by the Coast Guard.

The city authorities said the arms were being loaded for transport aboard ships of the Independent Line, whose vessels have been fired on while trying to run the blockade to Communist China in Far East Bay the Flying Clipper, whose hull

bears patches from skirmishes in the China Sea with Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists, was waiting.

The blast turned the port into a no man's land. It looked as if it had been raked by mortar fire and light bombing.

G. H. Perry, an official of the Pennsylvania Railroad of whose pier the blast took place, said the whole waterfront was leveled. Railroad cars were smashed and knocked from the tracks. Some houses were wrenched from their foundations.

The blast was felt as far away as the Battery at the lower tip of Manhattan Island in New York City. Dishes danced on shelves in Staten Island, in New York's harbor, and in lower Brooklyn across the bay from this stricken town.

In one of the freaks of the explosion, Allen Smock, a boiler room engineer, was only 200 feet away when the munitions went up, but he suffered only one small cut on the arm. He was in the area of the explosion, a phenomenon that saved the lives of many soldiers during the war while others farther away were killed.—United Press.

Shanghai doctor on trial

The Shanghai People's Tribunal is trying a Chinese doctor for hastening or causing the death of a patient.

The doctor, Ho Chih-jen, has been accused by the Communist Press as a "quack" and a "friend of Bishop Paul Yaping."

A report from Shanghai said a panel of medical practitioners will be asked for an opinion on the disease of the victim, while a board of pharmacists will be asked to judge the merit of Ho's prescriptions.

One Red newspaper said the prescriptions "could be identified by the local pharmacists."

The victim was identified only as "an old woman by the name of Sheng."

According to the Shanghai report, the woman Sheng was suffering from "hypertension" when she called for a cure from Ho. The ailment was not positively identified, however, and could have been a case for the psychiatrist.

—Associated Press.

**PI SEIZURE
OF CHINESE
FISHERMEN**

Manila, May 20.

Eighteen Chinese were apprehended in a fishing boat off the Babuyan Islands, North of Luzon, yesterday, by a Philippine Naval Patrol vessel and taken to Aparri, Cagayan, for investigation.

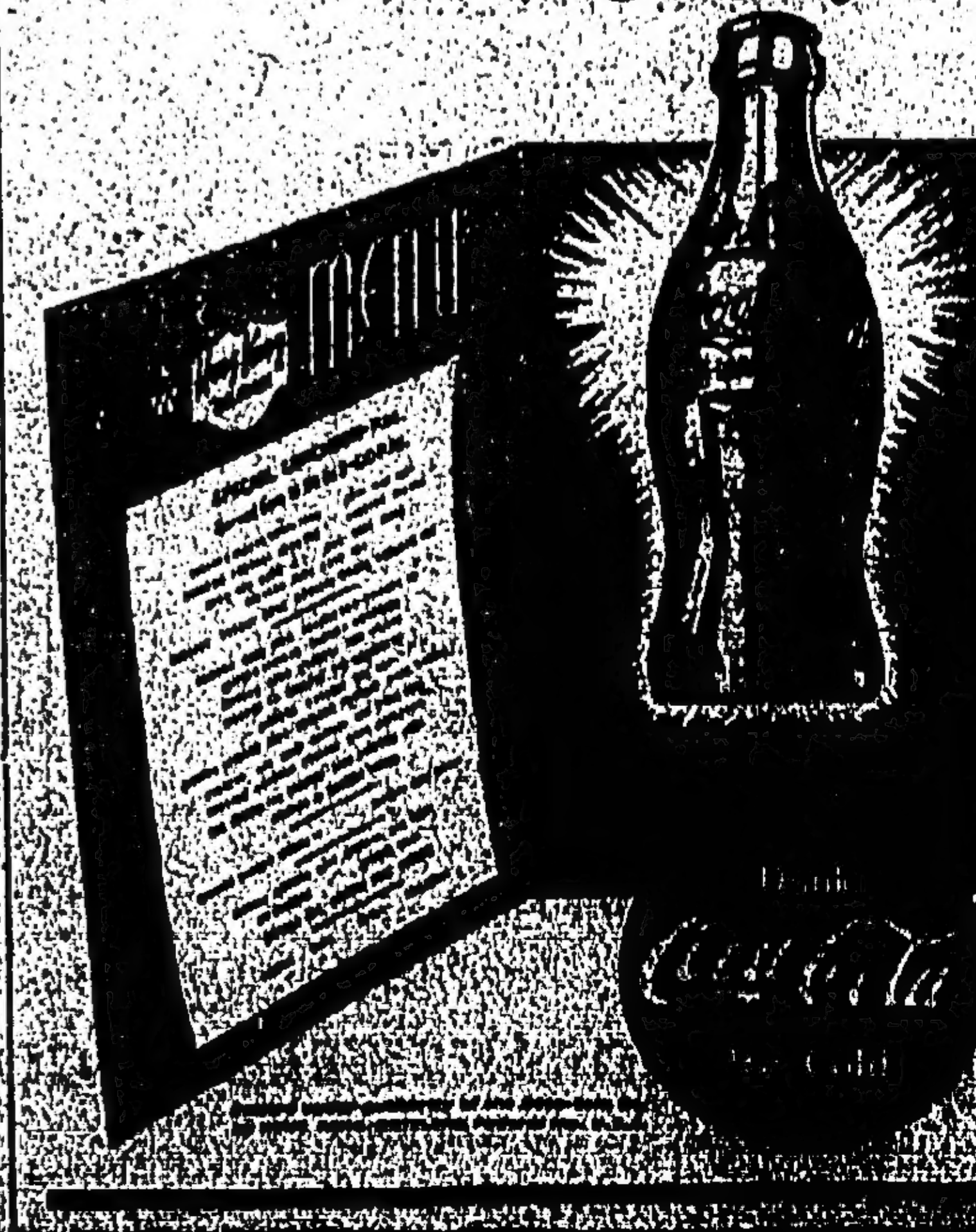
This was reported by the Customs collector of Aparri to the Acting Commissioner of Customs, Manila. The Customs Commissioner is referring the case to the immigration authorities for proper action.—United Press.

DISASTER IN JAPAN

Kagoshima, Japan, May 20.

A sudden windstorm struck this Southernmost Japanese port city this morning sinking a number of boats and leaving 140 fishermen and sailors missing.—United Press.

Thirst, Too, Seeks Quality



New ferry service to link Shumshuipo, Western District

A new ferry service between Shumshuipo and the Western District of Hong Kong will be started as soon as alterations to the piers are completed. This will result in a further dispersal of traffic from the congested areas on both sides of the harbour.

This announcement was made by Mr. Lau Tak-po, Managing Director, at the 22nd ordinary annual meeting of Hong Kong and Yau-mat Ferry Company Limited yesterday.

Mr. Lau expressed dissatisfaction with the inadequate bus service serving the new ferry route. He said that the bus service was available at least 50 per cent more passengers would have been carried, and the present acute traffic congestion relieved.

Reviewing the activities of the Company for the year, Mr. Lau said:

"Your Directors are happy to report another successful year and that their policy of re-engineering the entire fleet with modern British diesel engines is now bearing fruit."

"One of the most important events of the year has been the inauguration of the Wanchai Ferry Service—between Trenchy Road and Jordan Road on November 12."

"More than 4,250,000 passengers were carried up to the end of March 1950."

"If proper and adequate bus service had been provided and a roof had been immediately erected on the Trenchy Road Pier—these numbers would, I think, have been exceeded by at least another 50 per cent. New Bus Services in Kowloon were promised but with the exception of one additional service running through Shanghai Street, they are conspicuous by their absence even today. There is only one solitary bus service operating along Nathan Road to the Jordan Road Ferry for the use by urban passengers. We sincerely hope that this state of affairs which causes acute congestion elsewhere, will soon be remedied."

New service

"We are all particularly indebted to the officers of the Public Works and Marine Departments for their wholehearted co-operation in getting the Wanchai Ferry into operation at only six weeks' notice and the shareholders and the public should realise that what has been done, could only have been done, with the co-operation and hard work of the officers and staff of the Company."

"Government has now enquired whether the Company would immediately establish another new cross-harbour service between Shumshuipo Ferry Pier and the busy Western District."

"This should result in a further dispersal of traffic from the congested areas on both sides of the Harbour. We have the necessary vessels ready and the service could be started as soon as the alterations to the piers are completed."

"Should Government press for adequate bus services to feed these ferries when they come into operation, these new ferry services should be a great convenience to the public and help to relieve the present serious congestion on the main thoroughfares on both sides of the Harbour. With-out adequate bus services the public value of this service would be greatly reduced."

"The ferries now arrive and depart from the Jordan Road Pier at five-minute intervals and will soon do likewise at Shumshuipo."

"The Jordan Road Pier alone has handled more than 120,000 passengers in a single day."

"As from tonight the ferry services to Mongkok and Shumshuipo are being extended up to midnight from Hong Kong and 11.45 p.m. from Kowloon side daily. The service leaving every 15 minutes after 9 p.m."

"The Jordan Road Ferry Service has already been extended up to 1 a.m. every night for the carriage of passengers and

vehicles. This late service has been well patronised during the past few months."

Season tickets

"Another important event has been the resumption of the sale of adult season tickets on all services. It is expected to reduce the price of these tickets in the near future."

"With this reduction in season ticket fare and the operation of adequate bus services to all our Ferry Piers, the Public will be able to cross over to Hong Kong at much cheaper rates than hitherto—as the bus rides will be both cheaper and shorter and the new ferry services will carry them nearer to their destination."

"During the year your Vehicular Ferry Services were maintained without interruption by our three surviving vessels. Each of these vessels ran on an average of no less than 262 days during the year—a striking tribute to our maintenance staff and crews. All repairs and docking have been carried out at night and the vessels were laid up only for their Government surveys. One of the vessels concerned was sunk in December 1941 and resumed service with her original engines after five years submersion."

"The construction of the new vehicular ferry vessels at the Hong Kong and Whampoa Docks is being pushed forward rapidly. The first vessel will be launched next Tuesday and should be in service by August. The second vessel should be ready for launching in another two months."

"With these new vessels the Company will be able to provide a 10-minute or even speedier service daily and to handle all the vehicle traffic with ease."

"In 1949 we built two new Motor Ferry Vessels 'Man Kwong' and 'Man Leung'. Since then we have completed another—the 'Man Keung' which was licensed for service on May 6."

"The last vessel is fitted with a new type of British hand hydraulic steering gear."

"All these three vessels have proved to be very satisfactory. No less than eight other vessels were recommended, noted and re-ordered during 1949, three being steel double ended vessels."

Fine achievement

"The steel double ended ferry vessel 'Man Tack' and the 'Man Shing' are now being re-built and motorised. The 'Man Tack' was sunk in the West River during the war and was salvaged during the year. It is expected to have these two vessels ready for service in July and September, respectively."

"This is an achievement of which we can all be justifiably proud—because it was only made possible by the strenuous labour and conscientious effort of all persons concerned."

"Your Company has now in service no less than 27 ferry vessels—which I claim to be second to none, and in addition 12 steel lighters and other craft."

"Your Directors are also glad to announce that they have, at long last, managed to acquire a very reasonable rate, a deposit site for the ferry fleet having a total area of nearly 68,000 feet with a water frontage of more than 270 feet in a very sheltered area at Shumshuipo. They have also been able to secure a permit to occupy 12,000 feet of adjoining Crown Land with a further sea frontage of 95 feet."

"Your Directors regret they are still unable to give you any further news on the main ferry franchise covering your services to Shumshuipo, Mongkok and Jordan Road."

"Negotiations have been going on with Government since 1948."

Appeal to Privy Council

Mr. H.K. Koo, local solicitor, was yesterday granted leave to bring an appeal before the Privy Council in London in connection with a dispute over ownership of premises at 48 Kennedy Road. The appeal is against a decision of an Appeal Court which upheld a Court judgment delivered against him.

Mr. Woo made his application yesterday before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, and the Acting Puisne Judge, Justice Scholes, in chambers. Mr. Woo's application was presented on behalf of the respondents concerned, instructed by Hastings and Company.

Numerous meetings have taken place of late and it is hoped that negotiations will come to a satisfactory conclusion very shortly.

Denial claims

"Government is now giving attention to our denial claims which involves quite a number of vessels and I trust we will be able to secure an early and satisfactory settlement in the near future."

The Services to the New Territories have been well patronised. There are no less than nine services to the ever popular Cheung Chau Island on Sundays and Holidays, four daily to Ping Chau Island and Silvermine Bay with its very fine beaches on Lantau Island (The path leading up to the Lantau Rest Camp commences from Silvermine Bay), two services to Tai O on Sundays will enable visitors to visit the famous Buddhist Monastery and rest house at the Ngong Ping plateau, 1,400 feet above sea level.

New piers are to be built by Government at Cheung Chau Island and Tai O during the year. Further piers are required at Silvermine Bay, Ping Chau Island, Tung Chung, Castle Peak and Tsau Wan if these areas are to be developed.

The Board has recommended a slightly higher dividend for 1949 being 82 free of tax ordinary shares and \$2.50 free of tax for preferential shares. The heavy construction programme make it advisable to hold more money in hand than usual."

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 1949, which were unanimously adopted.

The accounts revealed that the net profit of the Company for the year was HK\$2,682,790.47, which was allocated as follows:

To pay a dividend of \$2.50 a share on 7,500 Preferential Shares, and \$2 a share on 100,500 Ordinary Shares, tax free, amounting to \$339,750.00. To transfer to Taxation Reserve and Contingencies Accounts, \$400,000.00. To transfer to General Reserve, \$1,700,000.00. To carry forward to 1950, \$243,040.47.

Total \$2,682,790.47

Re-election of the retiring Directors followed, and the auditors, T. A. Martin and Company, were re-appointed for the ensuing year.

Present at the meeting were Mr. T.N. Chou (Chairman of the Board of Directors), Mr. Lau Tak-po (Managing Director), and Messrs. Li Sing-kuo, Chen Kwoi-on, Philip Gockchin, Wong Kwok-shuen, Choy Wal-hung and Young Tsun-dart, (Directors), and 33 shareholders.

On the motion of one of the shareholders, the Directors' Fees were increased 100 per cent for the ensuing year.

Reminders

Today

HK Art Club sketching party, to Shatin, members to meet at Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry, 10.30 a.m.
Toc H Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "Amateur Dramatics" 8.45 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

Crown Land Auction Sale, PWD, 3 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Tombola, 7.30 p.m.
New Queen's College site foundation stone laying ceremony, to be presided over by the Governor, Causeway Bay, 10.30 a.m.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

HK Rotary Club, screening of colour film, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Union Jack Club, dancing class, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Billy Tingle's physical classes, 8 p.m., Whist drive 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Toc H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Union Jack Club, Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, dancing class, 8 p.m.; film show, 8 p.m.
Women's Section, European YMCA whist drive, 10 a.m.

NWA THROUGH FLIGHTS

Through Far East flights originating or terminating both at Seattle-Tacoma and Minneapolis-St. Paul, with convenient connections to and from Eastern, mid-Western and Western cities in the United States, are provided operations by North West Airlines Mr. D. L. Anderson, District Sales Manager in Hong Kong, said yesterday.

All flights will pass through Anchorage, Alaska. Beyond Anchorage passengers will have their choice of flying along the outside coastal route to or from Seattle-Tacoma, or the inside route across North Western Canada to or from Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Flights along the latter route will stop at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, which is being added to North West Airlines' system of stations. Previously Edmonton was a fuel stop, with some of the airline's flight crews based there but no passengers or cargo were taken aboard or landed.

The importance of Edmonton as a regular stop is emphasized by the many industrial activities which have developed from the oil boom in that area.

The increased operations involving Far East passengers and shippers are also possible, Mr. Anderson explained, by the fact that North West Airlines has now rounded out, and is completely integrating its fleets of modern planes.

Assignment of Stratocruisers and Martins to domestic routes enables the airline to devote more of its fleet of four-engine, long-range Douglas DC-24 to Orient and Alaska service.

It is planned to put the big, fast, pressurised double-deck Stratocruisers into Orient service in the latter part of the year.

Tenancy Tribunal ruling on Chinese term

Mr. Y. D'Alton, Chairman of a Tenancy Tribunal, made a ruling yesterday on the interpretation of the Chinese term for "in advance." The ruling was given in a tenancy dispute in which Mr. Tseng So-lan applied for an eviction order against Mee Lee Tailors of No. 37, Wellington Street, ground floor.

Grounds, were that the tenants were in arrears of rent for more than 30 days.

Mr. P. L. Lam, on behalf of the tenants, contended that the Chinese term "cheung kee" (in advance) did not necessarily mean that the rent had to be paid on the first of the month but in the first half of each month. He submitted that 30 days in arrears meant 30 days from the first half of the month.

Mr. P. Zimmern, for the applicant, contended that the term as used in the usual Chinese rent receipt meant the first day of the month.

The Tenancy Tribunal Chairman said that the whole argument in the case reduced itself to the meaning of the term "cheung kee" used in the rent receipt. He added:

"For the landlord, Mr. Zimmern contended that the term means 'in advance' and by that he urged that we should understand 'paid in advance on the first day of the month for that month.'"

Expert evidence

"Mr. Lam for the opponent contended that this was not so; he urged that the term meant payable within the first half of the month."

"Mr. Lam called Mr. Mok, barrister-at-law and property owner as an expert witness in support of his contention. The Tribunal called Mr. Wong Hong-kwo, clerk of the Tenancy Tribunal, to give evidence as to how the term 'cheung kee' was understood and applied by the Tribunal."

"Mr. Wong's evidence was that the term means, strictly speaking, 'in advance on the first day of the month.' But Mr. Wong went on to qualify that 'it would be alright if the tenant paid one or two days later.'"

"In answer to Mr. Lam he said that it might be alright if the tenant paid, on the 15th day of the month."

"It seems clear that the term is not rigid but elastic. It is also clear from the evidence that it was customary for the landlord or his agent to call for the rent and that this call was not made on the first day of each month but varied."

"I accept the applicant's evidence that in February, 1950 several demands for rent were made but no certain date could be given before February 7."

Letter no help

"The applicant's letter of February 12 1950 to the opponent does not afford much help for though it demands punctual payment of rent it does not make

any change in the admitted method of collection."

"On the facts of this case, I find it difficult to decide that the rent was payable in advance on any particular day. It is certainly payable 'in advance' on or before the last day of the first half of the month 'but beyond that I can find no certificate such as would enable me to conclude that rent was in arrears for more than 30 days.'"

"Such being the case, I think that I have no power to grant the application. I consider that I must refuse it and I do so with considerable reluctance. I trust that I have made it clear that I have decided this case on the evidence of the applicant's witnesses and of the expert witnesses."

Purchase of ships in HK

Chinese shipowners who have vessels lying idle in the harbour have been approached by certain parties regarding the sale of their ships, and according to a vernacular report the would-be buyers are believed to be acting on behalf of the Communists.

The report continued that the efforts to buy the vessels have intensified because the blockade along the China Coast by the Nationalists has been lessened because of the abandonment of various island strongholds by the Nationalists. The Communists are in sore need of vessels to bring in supplies.

Some time ago two large American landing craft were bought by certain persons in Macao and the latest report says that a certain person from Northern China is negotiating the purchase of a 6,000 ton Panamanian ship which has been lying idle for the past year.

The ship is now lying in Kowloon Bay awaiting the outcome of the negotiations.

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JANUARY

(December 21—January 19)
Be careful what link-up you make in next few days. Success or failure may depend on getting the right co-operation. Late in week important news of a scheme that has been under consideration for many months.

FEBRUARY

(January 20—February 18)
Startling developments of a family matter by end of week. Alternatively dispute about legacies or insurance flares up again. Nevertheless a good period for ready cash and for social contacts.

MARCH

(February 19—March 20)
It looks as though your "luck" is "in" this week. Don't hesitate to go full speed ahead with undertakings launched since New Year. But opposition to be expected from close associates and probably reluctant hostility on the part of another member of your family.

APRIL

(March 21—April 20)
An outstanding week from the point of view of money-making and social activities. Follow up promising introductions without delay. Consider too any possible link-ups that may lead to travel. Health possibly a problem or, if employer, expect difficulties with staff.

MAY

(April 21—May 20)
Your own affairs run smoothly this week and you should end the

WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

JUNE

(May 21—June 20)
You achieve success this week at the cost of much argument with older people or with relatives. Nevertheless worth while concentrating on original ideas and venturesome projects. Don't consider a house move or journey at the moment.

JULY

(June 21—July 20)
Be careful what you put in writing during the latter half of week. Some danger of an important contract taking a wrong turn at the last moment. Be alert to anything that matters yourself and employ tact and finesse rather than trustful methods.

AUGUST

(July 21—August 21)
Renewed arguments about an old debt or money owing to you makes the latter half of week stormy. It might be a good idea to cut your losses and forget the matter. Hope for the future lies in entirely new schemes and in publicity built up in the next few weeks.

SEPTEMBER

(August 22—September 22)
Possibility of your personal affairs reaching a critical stage particularly if you were born in the second week of September. Don't make hasty judgements or be ready to fall out with near relatives. Change of scene might be available if you can arrange it early in week.

OCTOBER

(September 23—October 23)
Double-dealing must be allowed for in most undertakings this week. Fellow-workers or possibly an employee likely to give you a bad time. Thursday and Friday. Don't hesitate to make far-reaching changes; using drastic methods if you can. Shilly-shallying of little avail at the moment.

NOVEMBER

(October 24—November 22)
If you have family worries they are likely to centre round an older brother or sister. Alternatively, relatives fall out about a friendship of which they disapprove. From the business angle a successful week with some likelihood of speculative "luck" on Tuesday.

DECEMBER

(November 23—December 20)
Much depends on what business decisions you make this week. If you hope to continue in present job, speed-up probably necessary. If you have been planning changes, get all preliminary arrangements completed before end of month. Possibility of "gambler's luck" early in week.

SUNDAY, MAY 21: FOR MOST OF US: A matter-of-fact outlook is the best today. Take outdoor exercise; see useful friends. Don't be inveigled into unprofitable to-do. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pillar Box Red, 6, Ruby.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: The more practical and matter-of-fact you are, the better your chances of a successful and easy life this year. If you are of a romantic temperament, given to fantasies of any kind, you can expect a certain amount of trouble before Christmas.

In short, all will be well with you provided you keep your mind on what you are doing and take people and things at their face

value. Don't look for mischief-making where it does not exist or expect people to live up to standards that are beyond them.

Financially, you have little to worry about for income should be steady and assured. But there is some danger that you may overspend or let your passion for luxuries or a good time get the better of you. A little economy particularly during October would be worthwhile.

Although it will be a good year for anyone who is sports-minded and fond of the open air, it is not a propitious one for travel. So cut down your journeys if you can, and take your holidays somewhere near home. Don't embark upon lengthy sea voyages if they can be avoided.

The more you have to do with young people the greater your chances of happiness in 1950/51. If you yourself, there is the possibility of engagement before the 12 months are finished. But beware of entanglements that bring much excitement at the beginning but lead to complications and difficulties later.

MONDAY, MAY 22: FOR MOST OF US: Consistency and common sense sells today. Good for arranging changes, fixing interviews, making introductions. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Gold, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: If you know what you want and have the normal amount of ambition, this should prove a steady progressive year. Life will be very much what you intend it to be in 1950/51; the stars will help you to some extent but they are not likely to influence you strongly.

If in doubt, tackle something new. Chances would probably be beneficial, particularly if undertaken in July or August. You might not increase your income through new schemes this year, but they are likely to be both mentally and emotionally stimulating. Fresh adventures would make you more contented by the end of the year.

If you stay where you are, try to bring your methods up to date and to bring new blood into your business. Incidentally, it will be a rather better year for anyone who is his or her own master than for someone who is employed in a large concern. If in an official job surprise moves on the part of those higher up are likely towards the end of the year.

Whether or not you change your occupation, it is a good year for moving house. Change of scene is likely to be beneficial not only to yourself but to your whole family. Also, there is the chance that a new inmate of your household becomes an important factor in your affairs in early 1951.

If unmarried, consider engagement this year. Indeed, marriage plans may develop in a hurry either in August, or 1950 or February 1951. If already married it may be a disturbed year in the household but the net results of the upheavals would be an easier existence and at least one new interest.

TUESDAY, MAY 23: FOR MOST OF US: Let inspiration be your guide. You won't regret acting on first impressions this afternoon. Propitious for social life and personal affairs. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel Shades, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: The events of 1950/51 are likely to prove more important in your personal life than in your career. Although there is some likelihood of unexpected business success in the coming 12 months, there is a greater probability that you would put material considerations on one side and devote yourself to a new friendship or to some new non-profit making interest.

Important months are likely to be August and October. In one or other of those months you may make a link-up that becomes more and more important as time goes on. The bond between you and your new associate is likely to be either a common interest in the arts or some religious tie.

Although money is not likely to figure largely in your thoughts this year, there are no indications that you would be in difficulties during the period. Enough is possible or some slowly maturing scheme does well just before your next birthday.

Be content to shoulder your responsibilities this year and to put off reshuffles until a later date. Though you may be anxious about, and at times irritated by, the people with whom you are in daily contact, there is little use worrying about the matter. Do your duty this year and be content with the prospect of easier times in 1951.

If still single, better not plan marriage this year. Both family circumstances and claims upon your pocket would make matrimony out of the question for the moment. If already married, face up to the prospect of being closely tied during most of the year. You will get compensation for your devotion and hard work before many months have gone.

FRIDAY, MAY 26: FOR MOST OF US: Potentially stormy day; be careful what enemies you make. Good though for ordinary correspondence and for publicity. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Reddish Yellow, 5, Topaz.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: If you have sufficient energy and enthusiasm to face up to competitors and critics, this may be an outstanding year in your life. But

But don't be content to stagnate; this is a good year for bringing yourself up to date, for making alterations both in your job and in your way of living. Try to keep in touch with the latest ideas and don't be sceptical of unusual suggestions that your friends and associates may make.

Financially it should be a fairly good year provided you don't put money into land or houses or speculate on a large scale. If you own property, it might be a good time to sell; it would certainly be a bad year in which to consider buying a house.

Take pains to keep well this year and don't neglect any symptoms of nervous or physical strain. Although there is some likelihood of travel, any lengthy journeys would be bad for you in 1950/51. Stay at home if you can.

It will be an easier year for the unmarried than for married people. If still single, be content to remain so until after your 1951 birthday. If already married, resist changes in the family circle though in doing so you may provoke criticism and friction.

THURSDAY, MAY 25: FOR MOST OF US: Likely to be a momentous day in world affairs but somewhat hampering for the individual. Don't attempt any job that you hope to complete quickly. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel Shades, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Better resign yourself to a year of slow progress, though not necessarily to one of setbacks. Throughout 1950/51 it will be useless to try to do more than one thing at a time and to make the best of existing conditions, then you may well spend a happy year.

Throughout the 12 months older people will call the tune. If you are in close touch with your parents or older relatives, a good deal of time has to be spent on their affairs in the next few months. Alternatively, a much older employer proves exacting but just.

A little economy will probably be necessary in the first months of the year. Although your assets are likely to increase in 1950/51, you may be a little short of ready cash. But a large, in a hurry, or some slowly maturing scheme does well just before your next birthday.

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If you are a nervous or diffident individual it may prove a disagreeably stormy year.

It is not likely that you would have a placid existence whatever your type or circumstances. The trend of both your business and personal affairs will call out all the resourcefulness that you may possess. One emergency is likely to follow another in 1950.

Do not jump to the conclusion that it will be a dangerous or upsetting year. If you have the necessary strength of character these storms may lead to great success and very useful publicity. But it will be useless to try to stick in a groove; go out and tackle your difficulties and your opponents bravely.

Although accident risk may be a little higher than usual, your general health should be excellent this year. Also, there is some likelihood of travel and of business changes in the near future. Income should be all you could wish provided you don't speculate or over-spend.

It may be an adventurous year in your personal life. If still young and heart-whole, it looks as though you would plunge into a love affair of some intensity. If already married, there is happiness to be found through young people this year, but you may have a good deal of trouble with brothers and sisters. If an employer, staff changes will keep you hot and bothered during September.

SATURDAY, MAY 27: FOR MOST OF US: Though you may have to abandon a scheme already in hand, another chance to make good would come along before Noon. So keep your arrangements fluid and be ready to cope with emergencies. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Orange, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST: Although this is likely to be a year of ups and downs, at the end of it you will probably be well content. For chances will come your way in 1950/51 that may make all the difference to your success or otherwise in the future. Better be on the alert throughout the period.

Although new schemes may be expensive, don't hesitate to try them out. The best time in which to make changes of any importance would be between August and October. Don't let your associates rush you into an undesirable move in June or July.

Provided you have the necessary cash in hand, it is a good year for taking risks and for setting up on your own. But your credit may not be too good during the first part of the year and it would be wise to make quite sure what backing you have before you start out on some doubtful venture.

A link with overseas friends or associates becomes stronger than ever in 1950/51. There is some likelihood that you would go abroad round about October. Whether or not you settle overseas, this is a good year for travel.

Relatives may make trouble for you in the near future. Women in your household are likely to be particularly difficult. Nevertheless it is a good year for marriage if single, and if married, for your domestic happiness. Don't hesitate to break with people who may be trying to make mischief.

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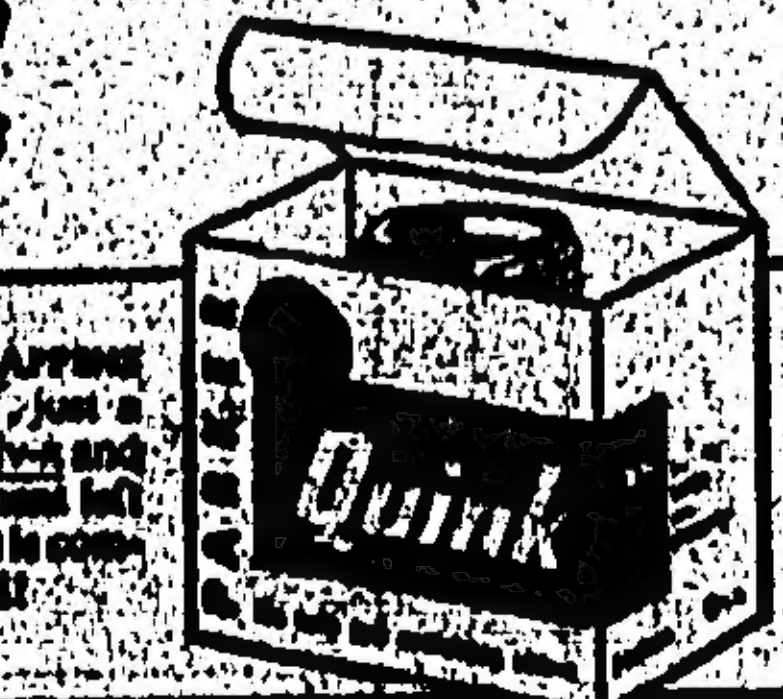
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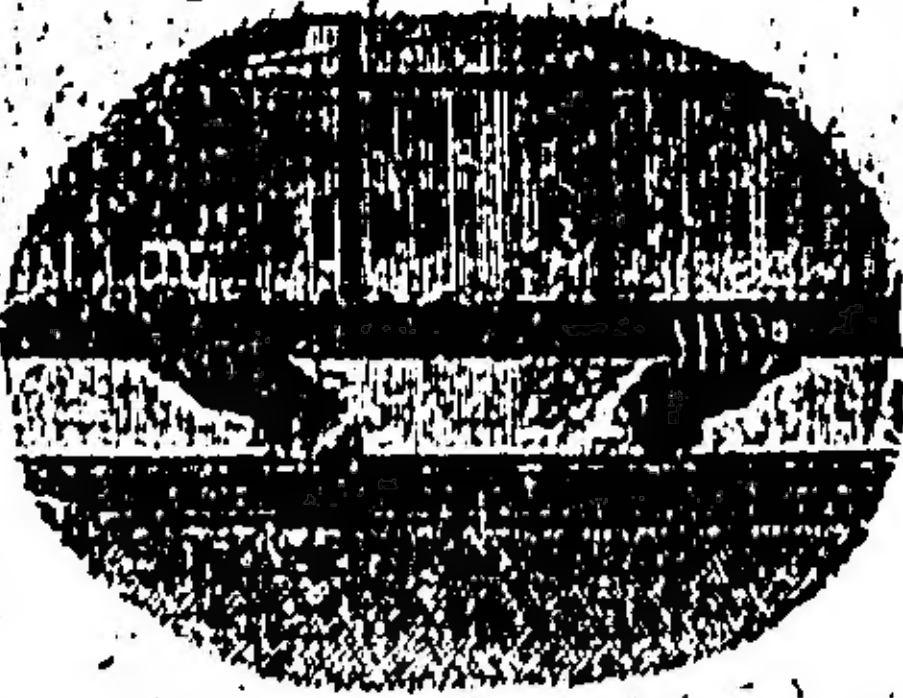
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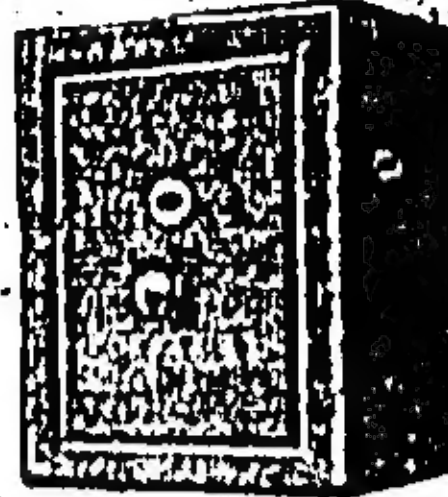


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Mission to Moscow

Official comment here on the mission of Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations to Stalin, is extremely guarded. Experience teaches that it would be a big mistake to building high hopes or, indeed, any hopes at all of any substantial advance to world peace or the strength of the United Nations from the mere fact that Stalin sees Mr. Lie.

The suggestion that there has been any sudden change of mind on Stalin's part is ruled out by the fact that Mr. Lie received assurances as long ago as the middle of last month that the Russian dictator would be ready to meet him during his European tour. What is surprising is that Mr. Lie has decided not to wait for the meeting of the three Western Foreign Ministers in London. What significance attaches to this remains to be seen.

Mr. Lie's first task will be to try and break the deadlock in the United Nations over China's representation. At the moment China is represented by officials of the discredited and defeated Nationalist Government. Until they have been replaced by representatives of the Chinese Communist Government, Russia refuses to take any part in UN's work.

This is not a matter which can be resolved in a confidential talk with Stalin, though a sincere and conciliatory gesture from him would have an important influence on the attitude of the United States and others who are opposed to UN's recognition of Communist China.

Even if Russia consents to make UN work again much remains to be done and many suspicions removed before a "Big Four" meeting, Mr. Lie's principal objective, can be attained.

Malaya mission

The Government attach the greatest importance to the visit Mr. John Strachey, Secretary for War, and Mr. James Griffiths, Colonial Secretary are paying to Malaya. Military and civil administrators have had a trying time for months past in the war against Communist rebel forces. Mr. Griffiths will be a highly informed visitor. He has made a close study of all the military and civil reports and has had several conferences with Sir Alexander Newbould, Chief Secretary of the Federation of Malaya.

The main object of the visit is the encouragement of local administrators, but Mr. Griffiths will make a detailed report to the Cabinet on conditions, prospects, and requirements. Had it not been for the critical Parliamentary situation and the general instruction that neither Ministers nor Back-Benchers may be out of the country while Parliament is sitting, the tour would not have been compressed into three weeks.

This is Mr. Griffiths's first major Ministerial assignment abroad. It will also be the longest journey he has under-

taken by air. He has to fly there and back because of the time factor.

Mr. John Strachey, Secretary of State for War, who, with special tasks of his own, is going out with Mr. Griffiths, is quite experienced in air travel. His last long journey was by flying boat to visit the groundnuts scheme in East Africa.

Anglo-Egyptian talks

Almost as soon as General Sir Brian Robertson arrives in Cairo next month to assume his new post of C-in-C Middle East, he is expected to open military negotiations on the possibility of Britain and Egypt joining, on an equal basis, in the defence of the Canal zone and the Middle East. Necessary, those talks will start before the resumption of official Anglo-Egyptian Treaty negotiations.

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Signing the book

Now that the King and Queen are in residence at Buckingham Palace more or less permanently for the season, there will be a constant stream of visitors to the Visitors' Door for the purpose of signing the book.

This is an unwritten rule for distinguished visitors—to be carried out as a matter of courtesy as soon as possible after arrival. All who have been presented at Court also do so.

The Visitors' Door, at the Southern end of the Palace, takes its name from the fact that this is where the visitors' books of both the King and the Queen are kept. The one in blue binding, and the other in red, they repose on a high desk.

Each evening the books are taken for perusal to their Majesties, who look through the list of signatures which often leads to a Palace invitation to some old friend or overseas visitor.

When a book is filed, it is stored in the Palace archives so that no misuse may be made of the signatures.

Autograph hunters would give a fortune to possess some of them.

LONDON LETTER

Princess Elizabeth

The only public engagement now on Princess Elizabeth's book is to honour the memory of the 4,000 men of the Royal Navy who died from Chatham and lost their lives in the war.

In October, after the birth of her second baby, the Princess will unveil 10 stained-glass windows in St. George's Church, at the Royal Naval Barracks at Chatham.

When it was officially announced that the Princess would accept no further engagements, the authorities prepared to alter their plans for the ceremony. But a high ranking Naval officer spoke to Buckingham Palace officials and was assured that the Princess would be there.

The Navy regard this as a tribute to the Princess to the Service to which her husband belongs.

Cricketing Duke

The Duke of Edinburgh is again taking up cricket this year and will lead the senior XI of HMS Chequers—in which he serves at Malta—when the ship is in port.

He has been keen on the game ever since he was captain of his eleven at school and his love of the game did not diminish with his departure from the playing fields at Gordonstown.

One of his last games before joining his ship last year was to captain an eleven to play Humber-shire at Bourne-mouth on behalf of the funds of the Playing Fields Association.

Queen Mary and Novello

Proudest man in London is Mr. Ivor Novello, the famous actor-producer, who had a most flattering letter from Queen Mary (through her Secretary) after her visit to his musical play, "King's Rhapsody" at the Palace Theatre.

The letter says, "It was a pleasure to her Majesty, after so many months of pain to see a play so well put on the stage and so splendidly acted. Queen Mary was so impressed by the coronation scene, so beautifully done with such dignity throughout. It is not always that the inborn dignity of kingship and Royalty is well understood on the stage."

Other Royalties who have been to the play have expressed the same opinion about the truly regal quality in the production, and, especially, Mr. Novello's own performance as the abdicating monarch.

Queen Mary's letter is the reference to so many months of pain. None of the official bulletins has revealed this fact, though it is known that her Majesty has been suffering from severe sciatica. It is typical of her courage that in all of her drives and public appearances she suffers without any outward sign.

South Bank

In an unguarded moment somebody important asked for a suitable name for the site of the 1951 Festival of Britain Exhibition. This is on the Southern side of the Thames, and most people might think South Bank was the rather obvious title.

But suggestions, novel, banal and erudite, keep pouring in from all quarters, ranging from the obvious South Bank of Peeps Walk and the King's Stairs. Other proposals are Waterloo, Watling Street, Southwark, Shakespeare and St. George's Fields.

It must be admitted, however, that Peeps probably never walked there, and that it was not where St. George administered the i.e. to the Dragon. King's Stairs has some historical status because it was a much-used river landing-place in medieval times, and was then known as the King's Arms Stairs.

We have the Victoria Embankment on the North side of London's river, however, and why not an Elizabeth Embankment opposite?

War on prices

A tiny office in a side-street in the East End of London has taken on a new importance. It has become overnight the battle headquarters for women.

Here, in the former front parlour of a dingy house in Stepney Green, the British Housewives League are at action stations. A national war on vegetable prices is being planned with all the thoroughness of a military campaign.

National president of the league and the woman who is conducting this war on vegetable prices, is Mrs. Joyce Drew, wife of a dental surgeon and the mother of two grown-up sons.

She told me that some women are now paying as much as £1 a week for greens alone. This was nothing, however, compared with the little housewife who was "done" in the East End. She apparently paid 3/- for three apples and two pears.

"That is the sort of thing we are fighting," said Mrs. Drew. "Imagine it—two pears at nine-pence each and three apples for 1/6!"

What has surprised the league is the terrific response to their campaign from all parts of the country. Letters are pouring into the little East End office every day.

No defeat

A natural question on this boycott seemed to be: "Surely, the housewife must buy vegetables, no matter what the cost?" But the women planners will not hear of such defeat.

Grimly, the four women commanders suggest that rather than suffer defeat they would revert to the old country substitutes for greens.

Dandelion leaves were excellent in a salad; young nettle tops were equally as tasty as spinach; and a wholesome soup could be made with sorrel.

The women, however, do not anticipate having recourse to these rather drastic methods. But they are at the ready.

Fleeing sports stars

Czech sporting stars who have fled abroad from the Communist regime are now so numerous that they plan to form their own organisation to compete in international events.

They say they can field a first-class football team, compete at tennis for the Davis Cup, provide an ice-skating team of world champions, and also swimming and athletic teams of Olympics class.

The Czech Communist Government has announced it will take no part in future sporting events outside the Iron Curtain to "protect from contamination" their few remaining stars.

It is expected that most sporting bodies will agree to recognise the "Free Czechs".

What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

Hong Kong problem

KUNG SHEUNG MAN PO: As stated previously, we here reiterate that the Hong Kong problem is an international one. Britain made an error by regarding China's civil strife exclusively as an internal affair of China's, and by recognising the new regime soon after it gained control of the China mainland.

If Britain continues to regard the China affair as a Chinese internal problem, she would be making a serious mistake.

Great Britain has made repeated statements that she will hold Hong Kong, but there has not been any clear statement how this would be achieved.

A similar assurance was given before the Japanese attack. Surely the British authorities must have heard that often repeated slogan "Liberate Hong Kong and Macao as soon as Taiwan is taken".

If the Chinese Communists really mean to implement that slogan it is obviously part of the Soviet's overall aggressive plan in South East Asia. Therefore, we must realise that the Hong Kong problem is not a local issue, it is an international problem.

The loss of Hong Kong would mean the dismemberment of the British Commonwealth. Also if Taiwan is taken by the Chinese Communists it would turn out to be disastrous for the democracies who will not be able to escape the consequences.

It is essential for Britain to unite with the United States and Taiwan if she really means to hold Hong Kong.

War criminals

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Defending Taiwan

NEW LIFE EVENING POST: A big question mark should be attached to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's pledge to defend Taiwan.

The Generalissimo made a similar pledge at Nanking. It was not carried out. Similar pledges were also made after he resumed the Presidency of Nationalist China by the commanders entrusted to hold Sichang, Hainan, and Chusan Islands.

The Generalissimo's latest pledge is obviously intended to boost public morale.

The Generalissimo also pledged to return to the China mainland. This is however also doubtful if Taiwan is to be the base for the invasion of the mainland.

Any counter-offensive to regain the mainland from the Chinese Communists must be launched from bases in the mainland itself. The guerrilla bands now operating on the mainland would be in a good position to do so.

How long the Nationalists will be able to hold Taiwan is questionable, not to speak of using Taiwan as a base for any counter-offensive.

Appeasement policy

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World attention is focussed on

it because any normal diplomatic relationship between Britain and the Chinese Communist regime will be the test of compromise between the East and the West.

Communist China has adopted the "lean to one side" policy. Because of this, Britain's efforts in Peking are doomed to failure. It is likely that Britain will still entertain some illusions regarding the new Chinese regime; but it is time for her to consider the question carefully and deeply so that she may adopt a definite stand to clear up the confusion in the Far East.

The Malayan situation should have awakened Britain to the fact that a policy of appeasement is no effective method for preventing the spread of Communism.

It is necessary for Britain to withdraw recognition of the Chinese regime at Peking if she wants Australia's assistance.

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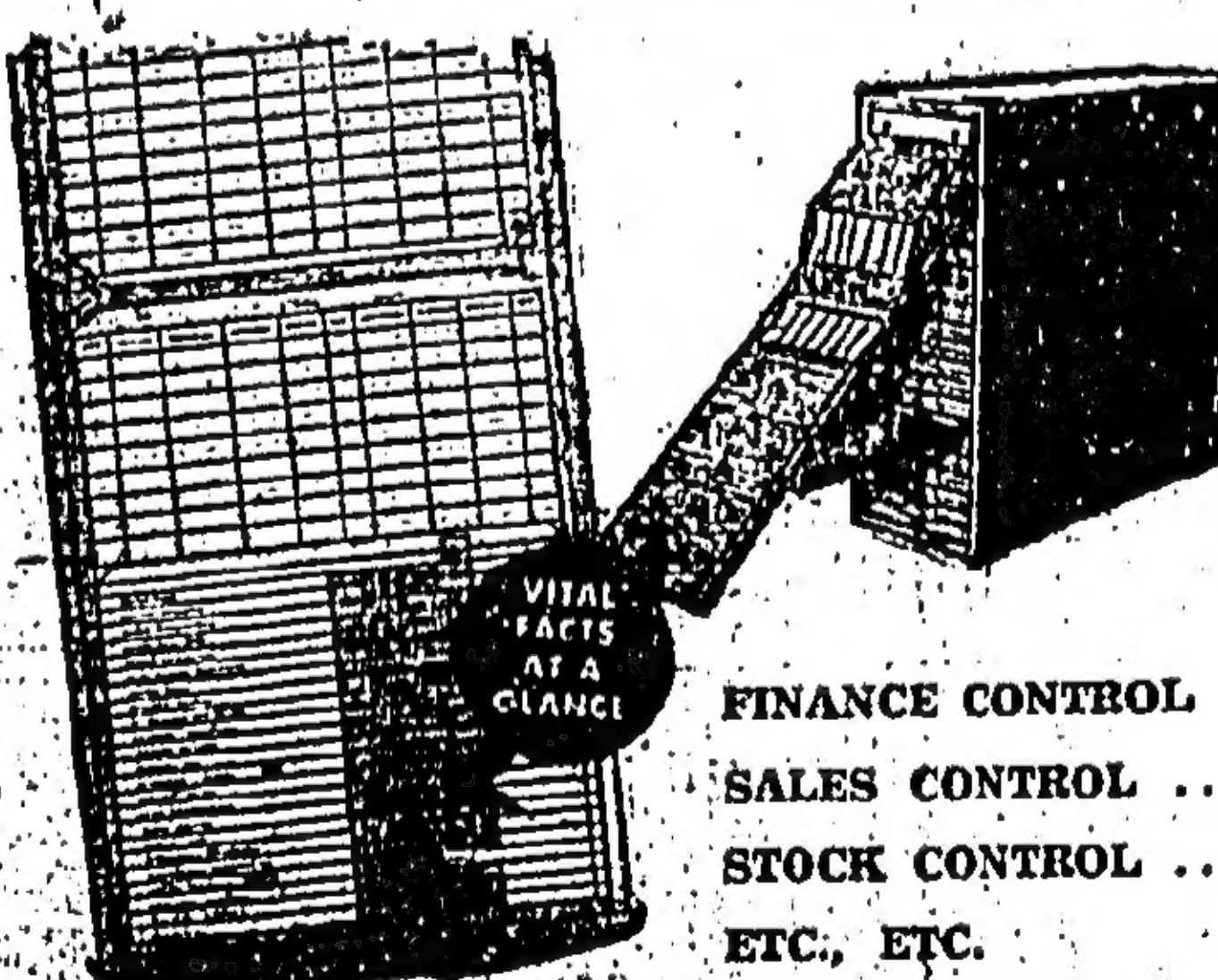


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By HOLT

Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

Some weeks ago 24-year-old Miss Demaris Burgess took a plane from England to America. She was going, she said, in search of smiling faces. She had found us, in her home land, a straight-faced, gloomy lot.

Well, Miss Burgess is 3,000 miles away by now—and, we hope, happily surrounded by laughing hyenas. She has served to bring up a point which we feel worthy of discussion.

Are Britons today any different from what they always were?

Britons never did show much Gaiety exuberance. We never larked our bloomin' heads off except at something reasonably funny. Why should we suddenly accept the estimation of ourselves as a second-rate nation full of gloom and despondency?

We suggest our critics have been misled by some quite usual behaviour. For instance, the normal manner of Englishmen who commute daily from home to the city by train.

We ourselves often travel from Tunbridge Wells to London in a carriage where there are four or five men. We are growing to know each other by sight, and they must know each other even better than they know us, who only travel at intervals.

On meeting, a sort of grunt is emitted which might or might not be "Good morning," and newspapers are quickly opened to shield their owners from the terrors of further communication.

Recently the train stopped for no obvious reason about five miles short of its destination. After 10 minutes of absolute silence one man lost his head and remarked: "Seems to have stopped."

Everyone looked up, first at him in mild surprise, then out of the window; they frowned thoughtfully for a second, then their faces cleared. Such a concise and accurate statement had summed up the situation beyond the need for further comment.

We alone felt the call to reply, and murmured: "Yes, so it has..." and found ourselves blushing furiously, with the thought, "Oh heavens, a chatty woman!" as clear in the air as if they had spoken.

However, anybody who thinks this attitude is the outcome of a low diet resulting in low vitality

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is mistaken. They are equally mistaken if they think it has anything to do with the aftermath of the war or us being depressed as a nation.

The British behaved this way back in 1939—and then it was known as "reserve," that special love of personal privacy which has always been their hallmark. A manner which foreigners dislike when they meet it, and are apt to feel cheated when they don't.

This writer is of the very humble opinion that there is nothing terribly wrong with Britons once you get used to their little peculiarities.

If there is anything in our psychology which the world does not like, it's the same thing that has been a part of us for hundreds of years.



"I believe this is an unusually dramatic piece!"

We did all right on it too—building an Empire, and all.

Now, we are rather like a very rich self-made man with whom everyone sought to find some relationship; he lost his money, and suddenly all his third cousins twice removed begin to doubt if they are really related to him at all.

But the qualities which made his fortune are still there—and quite possibly the old boy will do it again.

It is typical of the British idea of humour that we are hugely diverted by the adverse criticisms we receive from time to time. We even print these remarks in our newspapers and sometimes go so far as pay the writers.

Last week some especially delectable gratuitous insults came from an Australian.

Mr. Edward Knox is quoted from the "Sydney Daily Telegraph" as claiming that (after spending three years in our midst) he finds us simply awful. Among other things he says:

We have seen every bit of it [Britain] good and bad from the lawns of Buckingham Palace to the grim... Brummagem. We have worked and talked with them all from the only colourful Englishman left, Mr. Winston Churchill, to shopkeepers and Covent Garden porters...

We are not very impressed... We are staggered by the... humbug, hypocrisy, self-delusion and ignorance... Englishmen worship three gods—money the old school tie, and mildred. They are the world's best mobs...

Happily Mr. Knox does not speak for his country as a whole

Mr. Churchill's neighbour on that occasion was a thoughtful Lorrainer (it is a better word than Lothringian), a progressive Catholic Minister of whom little had then been heard outside his native province, called Robert Schuman.

"You will assuredly hear much more of this man," I was told by the guest at my side, who turned out to be M. Schuman's young private secretary. His prophecy has certainly been fulfilled.

Proud achievement

Though other prominent Frenchmen, such as General de Gaulle have spoken in statesmanlike terms of the need for a truly constructive Franco-German reconciliation, it has been M. Schuman's proud achievement to clothe such projects with some reality.

This column is very far from being the only place where in years gone by schemes for the integration under one supra-national authority of Europe's steel industries have been canvassed. But the caution and even defeatism which have attended the prosecution of the Peace by the Western Powers gradually caused these subjects to become neglected by publicists and public alike.

M. Schuman's proposal is not yet available for study in detail. There have been complaints at this, but they are scarcely relevant.

(he admits that "lots of loyal Australians will not like this"), so he must pardon us for being amused by his venomous yappings.

In conclusion we would like to suggest very gently that those, both native or foreign, who on the grounds of personal experience criticise this land incessantly, might take a brief look at themselves.

Isn't it possible that the lack of laughter—the want of a smile—the sometime failure of personal success, might... just might, originate inside themselves?

Personal failure of any kind has always been an uncomfortable business; but we cannot find much sympathy with those who have formed the habit of blaming the whole nation for it.

Behind the political scene

By Alastair Forbes

LOW-FLYING SAUCER

Across the clear blue sky over Lancaster House M. Schuman's bold proposal (for the federation of Western Europe's coal and steel industries has roared like a low-flying saucer. It has, with a vengeance, given the Conference something to talk about.

Yet, despite the headline hullabaloo which it has occasioned, it is unexpected only in the sense that we too seldom expect the politicians of sovereign States seriously to propose the logical implementation of their grander designs.

So, after a customary timelag, yet another of Mr. Churchill's far-seeing policies has matured. And it is fitting that it should be M. Schuman who, with the assistance of that good friend of Britain, M. Monnet, has elected to turn it into a practical issue.

For I so well remember the sweltering summer afternoon of 1940 when, at a provincial banquet table at Metz in Lorraine, I listened to Mr. Churchill airing his inimitable French for the first time since the Liberation his hopes for the building of a peaceful Europe in which France should play a foremost and magnanimous part.

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Irrelevant too are the objections which have been raised at the method chosen by M. Schuman to make his announcement, since the crucial object of capturing the German imagination by a gesture which aims at healing terrible and too often reopened wounds was probably well served by imitating on this occasion the technique of "diplomacy by Press Conference" in which Doctor Adenauer has lately somewhat oversplendid.

Swift response

In the event, the German response has been gratifyingly swift and favourable. Reactions from Italy and Belgium have been equally encouraging. Yet it is from Britain that Europe waits to hear the verdict which must decide not only the fate of this particular project, but by clear implication the fate of all larger schemes by which the West must create a life of its own or if it fall become the slave province of an evergrowing Eastern tyranny.

The decision for this country is perhaps more difficult than for any other in Europe; the consequences for all countries, if Britain decides wrongly, are terrible to contemplate. It is impossible also for the decision to be postponed.

We are not living in a period of history when any good can be expected to come out of what Mr. Churchill has called the British "genius for waiting upon events." Present events demand a Yes or No answer by return, and Parliament must better break off its tedious amusements to discuss, if seriously before the Whitsun recess.

Faint Foreign Office blab-blah and earnest but obscure assurances of sympathetic consideration by the Prime Minister cannot successfully conceal the deep misgivings felt by many Socialists at the implications of the Schuman statement.

The word CAITEL is upon their lips, and they are in the grip of the fear and horror which their conditioned reflexes cause them to feel at its very mention. But Steel Bill or no Steel Bill, the Government, the master of the British industry, the latter can scarcely remain outside a European Cartel if one is to be formed.

Not restrictive

Of course, some Socialists have grasped that the projected cartel is not restrictive in intention, though it would clearly be expected to plan for such condition of coal and steel surplus as are now imminent. Only the most sullen



"What? No hire-purchase terms!"

and selfish Socialists can still think it right to resist any proposal which is not aimed to operate on a Socialistic basis. Besides, M. Schuman's projected international authority would presumably be a managerial affair rather than a financier-ridden body.

Those Socialists, too, whose natural fears of Germany are increased by their dislike of the unaltered swing to the Right in the policies of that country, have to face the fact that any European combination from which Britain "contracts out" must very soon become dominated by Germany.

European union without Brit would offer temptations to Germany's worst appetites which her known character would hardly help her to resist. On every count therefore Britain must choose to do something which she does not like to do, because of a desperate world situation which would deteriorate still further and very rapidly if she did not do it.

Long-term project

All these decisions would come more easily if politicians (and a fortiori the electorate) would make up their minds that they definitely think the prevention of the triumph of aggressive Communist dictatorship everywhere a worthwhile task, even if it may take much longer than their expected lifetimes to achieve it.

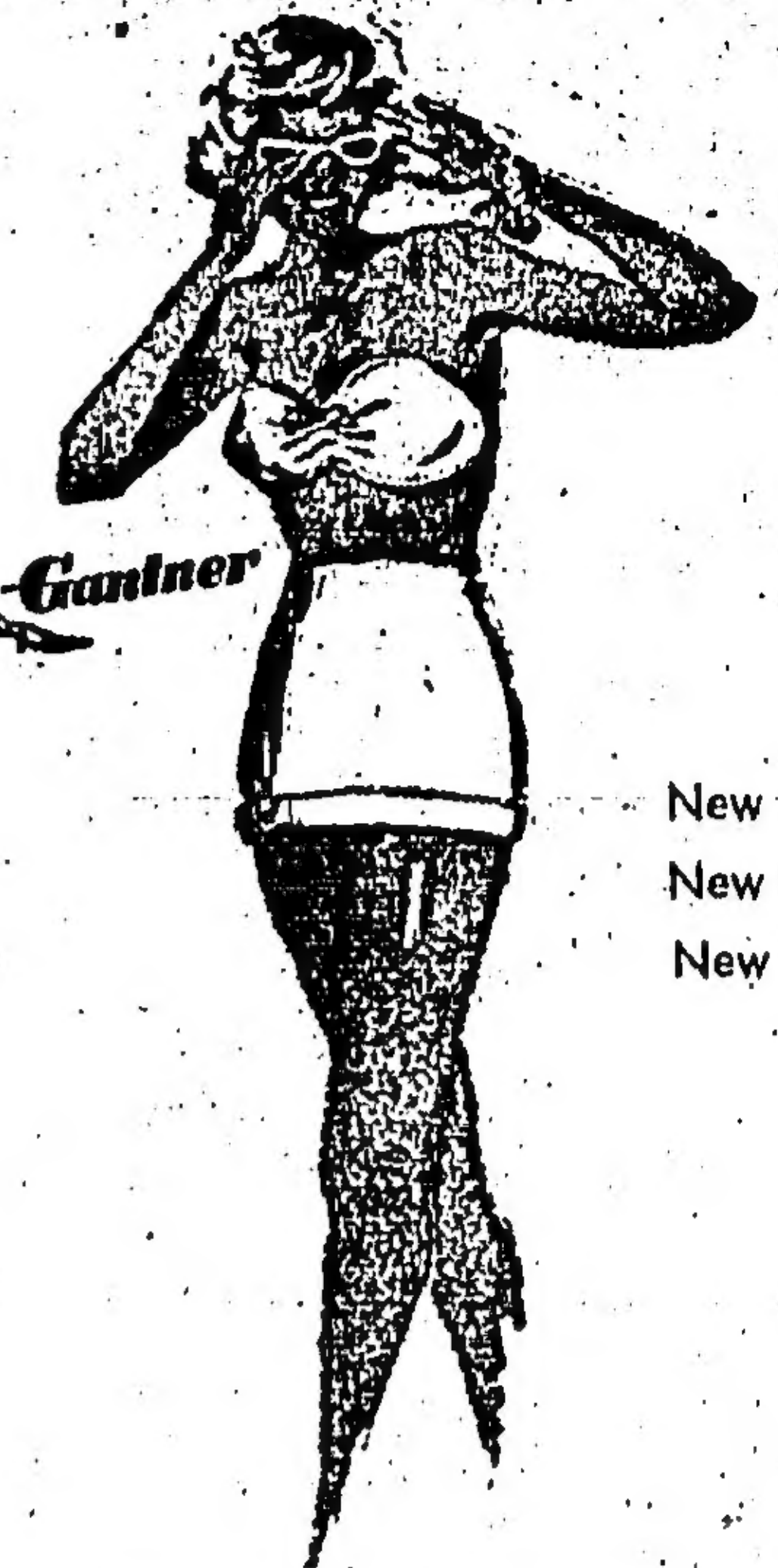
It is more than a pity that President Truman himself has not accompanied his brilliant Secretary of State to London.

The impending autumn elections no doubt impose certain restraints upon Mr. Truman. But on present form his position, and that of his party, would appear exceedingly strong, strong enough anyway for it to be possible for him to exercise his authority to prevent the constant distortion and obstruction, even within his own administration, of the foreign policy to which he is pledged.

Unfortunately he is not at present so using his authority. Because of this, and because of the outrageous intrigues of such despicable demagogues as Joe McCarthy, "total diplomacy" encounters its first and most severe setbacks in Washington. And though the odds are certainly short, Europe is still left in the uncomfortable position of betting its future on America's own admitted genius for doing the right thing somehow, somewhere.

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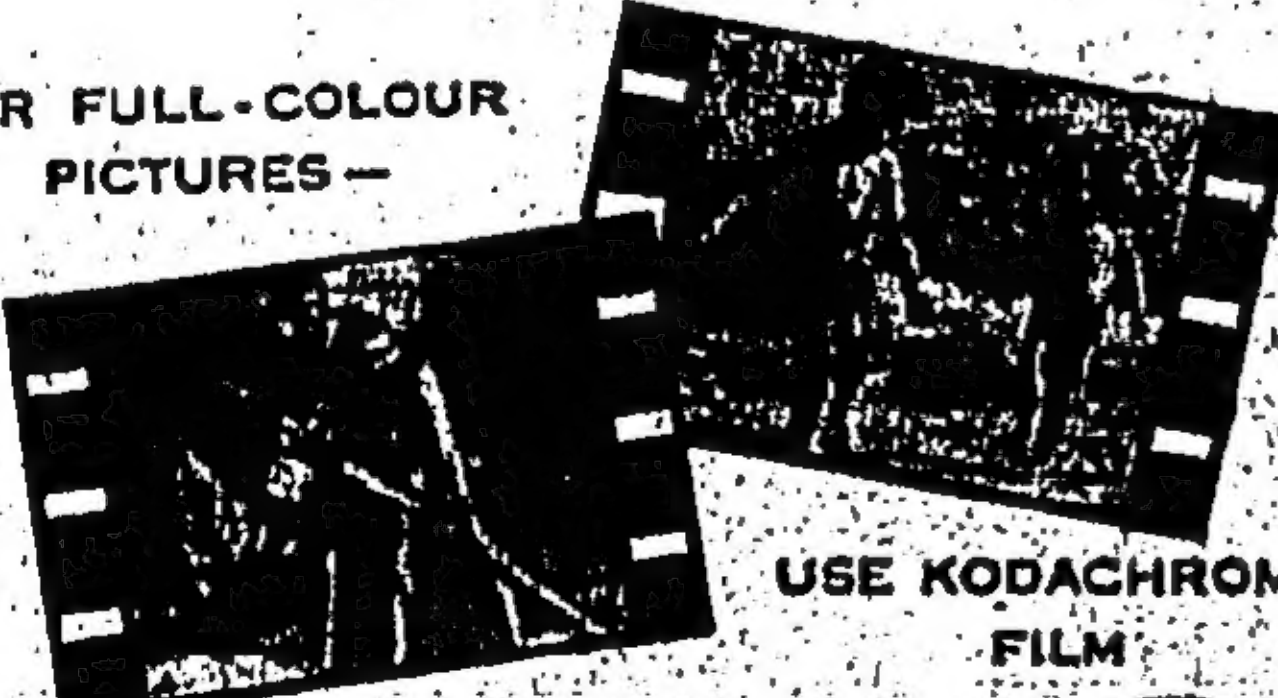
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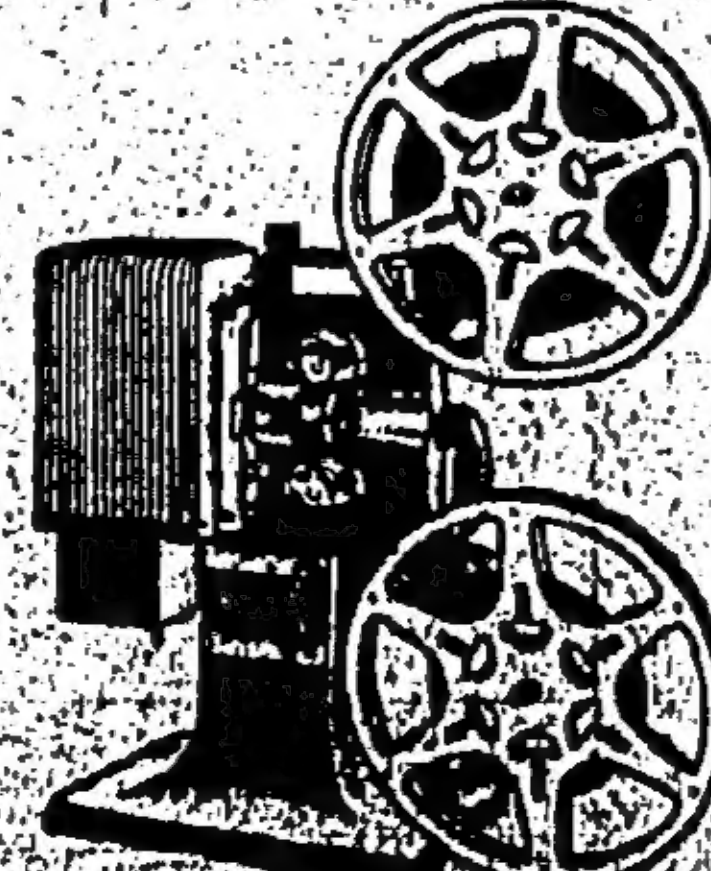
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Untold Tales of London

NO. 1 -- WOMAN WHO CHANGED THE LAW

To Alice Robinson, stripped of her loose taffeta gown, her green stockings and death's-head ring, and given instead the coarse blue gown of the Clerkenwell House of Correction, the events of the past few hours seemed monstrously unjust.

Her mouth was dry and her head heavy from over-much ale drunk during the evening. In the dark, disturbed ward 80 or more women were crowded together. Her bruises, tokens of a struggle with the constable, received no comfort from the bare boards on which she lay.

With maudlin fury she decided that everyone was against her. Here she was back in Clerkenwell, back in the prison she had left not a few months since. It had been horrible before and now would be worse, for her child was due in three months. Only her rage—a mounting but impotent fury against all humanity—prevented tears.

September brawl

As evenings went at their house it had been comparatively quiet. Too quiet for business. More than once, as the September days slipped by and with them risk of the plague in the City, she had wondered at the wisdom of moving out to a village like St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

She and her husband had been more or less run out of the parish of West Smithfield by their neighbours, and so had thought to go out along Holborn towards the country and St. Giles. They'd started up there and during the summer elicits had followed.

Alice Robinson's idea of a quiet night had now coincided with that of Thomas Harrison, the constable of the parish. He had been appalled by the noise coming from the Robinsons' house, as accompanied by Thomas Vawdrey, William Lee, John Wheeler and other members of the watch, he had come near it about 10 o'clock on the night of September 13, 1621.

"I heard," he testified, "an extraordinary bawling, fighting and noise within the said house whereby divers of the neighbours, near adjoining, were much disturbed and disquieted in their rest."

As well as acting as a petty constable, Harrison was by trade a vintner and so not entirely ignorant of the sort of noise which accompanies heavy drinking.

Arrest of Alice

"In discharge of my duty," he continued, "and being accompanied by Thomas Vawdrey, a headborough of the parish, I came in peaceable manner to the house and there found divers suspicious persons, men as well as women, in disorder and uncivil accompanying together."

He then questioned a number of them what they were doing there at that time of night. This provoked Alice, "being as it seemed much displeased with drink," to abuse him in what not to be too precise—he called "very opprobrious and unfitting speeches."

When she began to threaten violence, Harrison nodded to Vawdrey, and before she or her

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husband could do anything about it, she found herself out in the street and being marched through the September night down Holborn.

As it was by then too late to take her before a Justice of the Peace, Vawdrey and three watchmen took her straight to the House of Correction. This was a prison which had been built by the County of Middlesex just six years before as an overflow for the crowded Bridewell in the City.

A grim, forbidding building to hold 100 prisoners—rogues and vagabonds, recusants and priests.



"I was taken away to another room in the House of Correction called the Whipping House."

and women of the town—it had been put up on the site of a former prison, "The Cage," on the North West bounds of Clerkenwell.

It stood in an area now surrounded by Corporation-row, Woodbridge street, Sans-walk, and Clerkenwell close, and (even in a period when no prisons were pretty) had quickly acquired a fearful reputation.

Hiduous descriptions abounded. There, a doctor was to report, were "vagrants and disorderly women almost naked with only a few filthy rags almost alive with vermin, their bodies covered with ulcers."

"In the mornings before the turnkeys attempt to open the doors of the different wards they are obliged to drink a glass of spirits to keep them from fainting."

Back to prison

The old porter, disturbed from his bed, was not entirely surprised to see the dishevelled figure of Alice Robinson swaying in the light of the lantern carried by the watch.

Her career for the previous eight years had brought her frequently under the eyes of the law, and this was the third time she

had been brought to the prison gates.

At the time when she and her husband, a plasterer by trade, were living in Goswell Street, in the parish of St. Botolph's-with-out, Aldersgate, she had been accused of picking pockets; three years later they were expelled for keeping a lewd and disorderly house; while living in Turnmill-street, a notorious neighbourhood, she was twice sent to prison, for her activities; then, "to elude the law and continue their ungodly courses," they moved out to St. Giles.

But apparently the law was not to be so eluded, and here she was back at the House of Correction. As the porter could see as he took charge of her, she was very drunk. No sooner was she over the threshold than she gave a tipsy shout of, "Fill up all the pots in the house with ale or beer!"

Unable to deal with his prisoner he summoned the matron, who fung her into the dark ward where she now found herself.

Dreadful weeks

The following morning Thomas Harrison visited Roger Horton, Esq., a Justice of the Peace for Middlesex, and related the happenings of the night. Horton listened to the evidence and then put his seal to a warrant.

"Forasmuch as I am informed," he wrote to Edward Cooke, Governor of the prison, "that Alice, wife of Richard Robinson, is a woman of a lewd and suspicious behaviour, subject to be divers times drunk . . . in His Majesty's name (!) I command you that you take the body of the said Alice Robinson and . . . until she shall be delivered by the ordinary and due course of the law, set her to hard labour and give her ordinary correction of the House. Given under my hand . . ."

Exactly what happened during the next three weeks and two days behind the walls of the Clerkenwell prison cannot now, 300 years later, be clearly established. But when she emerged to come before the Quarter Sessions she had, even allowing for the exaggeration of a bitter, vicious woman, a dreadful story to tell.

As soon as the Governor received the warrant, she said, she was taken to a secret room called the Mill-Place and there had all her money and rings, to the value of more than £5, taken away from her.

Strict instructions were given to the matron that she was to have no special allowance for food or bed. This meant that she could have only the minimum diet of black bread, cheese and water coked out with warm pottage three times a week. For want of food, a night to pay for a straw bed, she had to sleep on the earth.

But this was only a start. "On the 14th or 15th, while I was at hard labour," Alice told the Justices at the Quarter Sessions, "I was taken away and carried to another room in the House of Correction called the Whipping House."

"Seeing that I was in danger of being whipped I told the matron that I was with child and declared to the Governor that I was not fit to receive any correction, which words the said Governor nevertheless lightly weighed."

"Presently iron boulders were put upon my hands and feet, and then I lay there, in most inhuman and savage sort, he commanded one George Matthews, the common executioner of the prison, to whip my naked body. I was given 80 lashes, 40 with whipcord and the rest with iron whips. Ho, the Governor, standing by all the while, directed the execution."



"Divers suspicious persons, men as well as women, in disorder and uncivil accompanying together."

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Much of the history of broadcasting and of world-history too can be gained from the BBC's Recorded Programmes Library. The earliest records, dating from 1899, are of Mr. Gladstone, Florence Nightingale and Lord Tennyson and are reproduced from old phonograph records acquired from private collectors. Among other celebrities on records are Sarah Bernhardt, George Bernard Shaw and Max Beerbohm in their heyday, and those fine Shakespearean actors, Sir Frank Benson and Edith Evanson. There are also records of 1908 election speeches by Mr. Churchill, Lloyd George and Mr. Asquith.

It is not only the voices of the famous that are held captive in the Recorded Programmes Library, but those of ordinary men and women, talking about their jobs and giving personal angles on history; an example is a talk given by Sergeant Austin, who was present when Hitler committed suicide. Many great sporting events are recorded and natural history has its own subsection, the core of it being the records of bird and animal noises made by Ludwig Koch. There are the unusual recordings such as V1's and V2's exploding over London, Mount Vesuvius in eruption, and on the more frivolous side an elephant playing a mouth organ. All are there, held by tape, film or processed disc to provide the finest library of programmes recording in the world.

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A chance to demonstrate their genius was given German inventors recently at the first post-war exhibition of inventions and novelties in Munich.

A lack of trust in the present "protection" afforded German patents still keeping many German inventions in locked drawers, nevertheless more than 100 exhibitors put their brain-children on show.

Visiting the exhibition, Christopher Phillips found that ideas ranged from a design for a gearless-drive car to a bucket with a stanching-up handle to save backache.

Other motorists were fascinated by an electrical dashboard indicator for giving tyre-pressures, while housewives flocked to see a patent jar that will preserve almost anything with no work at all.

Finally, our correspondent saw buttonless braces, slide-on ties, and—typically enough—a water-tight pocket in a pair of bathing trunks.

Acquittal

Stuart England did not waste much pity on miscreants. The heads of criminals rolled on London Bridge, and many a felon walked the streets with his ears cropped or his forehead branded. Executions at Tyburn were a gruesome spectacle. For all this, the treatment of Alice Robinson, a pregnant woman, shocked the Justices of the Peace who heard her testimony at the Old Bailey.

Sir Francis Jones, former Lord Mayor of London, Henneage Finch, Esq., Recorder of the City, Sir Thomas Fowler, and several others listened to her story. They learnt that her husband had approached Roger Horton about bail for his wife and had been refused.

Sir Thomas, looking a little uncomfortable, had to admit that both he and Sir Henry Spiller had been petitioned by Robinson, but had not done anything about it as "they were not privy to the cause of the commitment."

Gully or not, her reputation regardless, Alice was acquitted. She had suffered enough—and was not to suffer more. Shortly after her return home to St. Giles she miscarried her five-months child.

Not in vain

The Justices were clearly worried by what had passed, for Thomas Harrison was summoned before them and required to give an explanation of why he had made the arrest without a warrant, and when his argument seemed insufficient, they committed him to Newgate. This may only have been to save their consciences for he was given bail and discharged "for good behaviour at the following session."

Not for another 80 years or more and in the reign of Charles II, was the famous Habeas Corpus Act to be passed (which would have made the delay in bringing Alice before a court impossible), but those Middlesex Justices took some immediate precautions, which could hardly have been a coincidence.

At the very next session, in the January of the following year, 1622, they laid it down that in future it would only be lawful to decide anything that concerned the House of Correction and persons committed there if four Justices of the Peace had met together.

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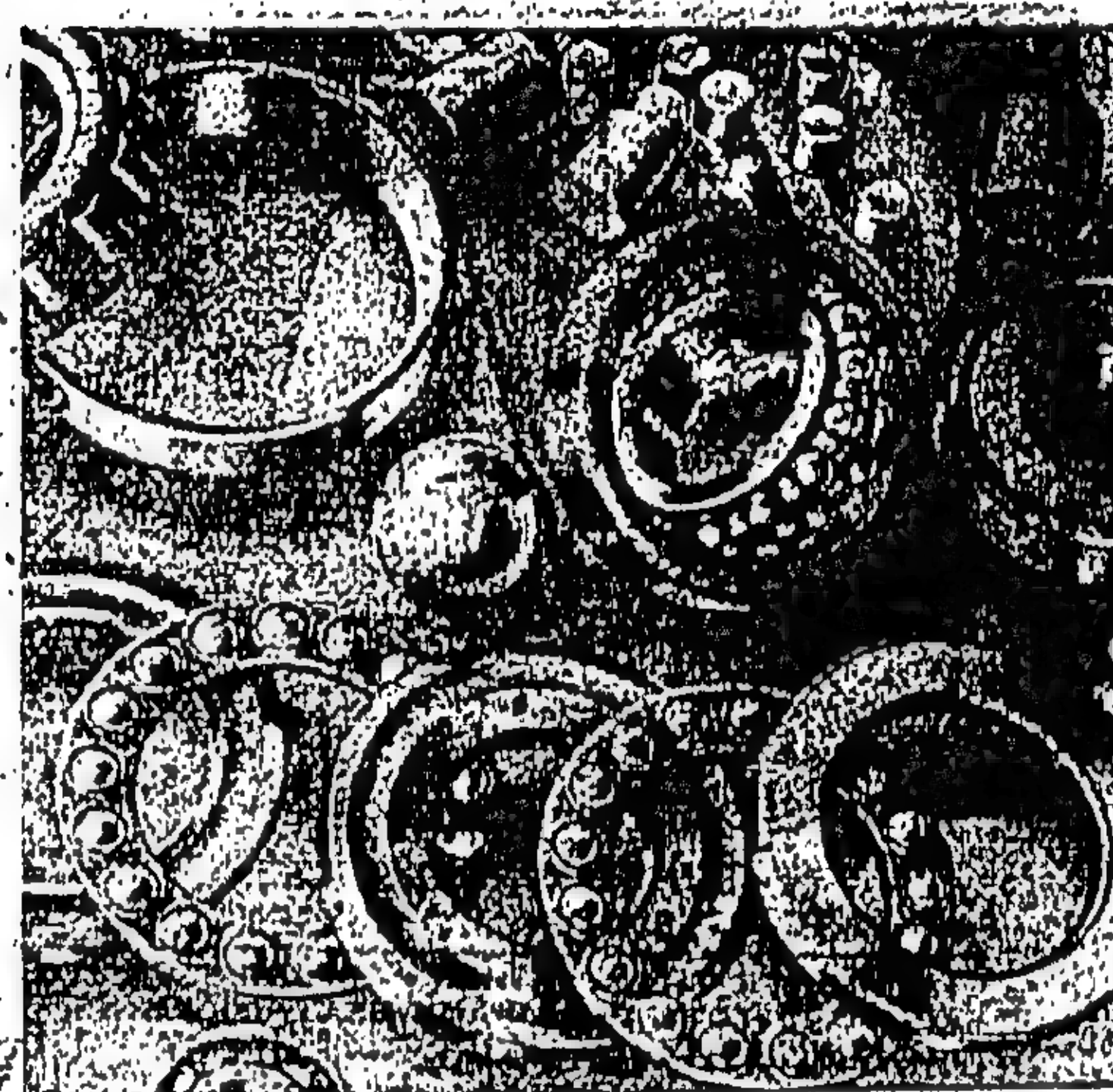
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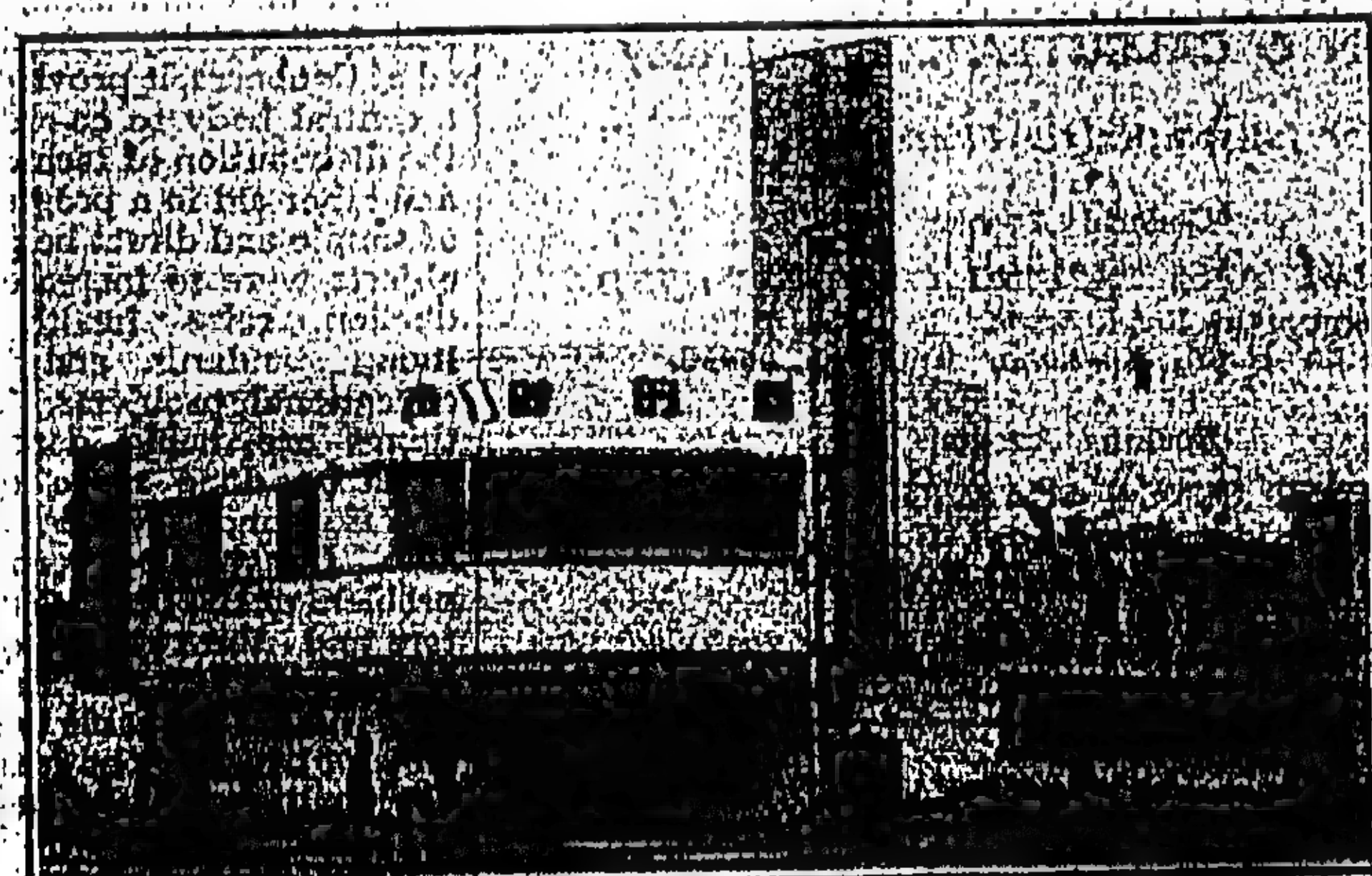
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TIME AND THE RIVER

There are so many conferences in the free half of the world that the patient public must occasionally become thoroughly bewildered. In this area chief concern is, of course, with the Commonwealth Conference on Economic Aid to South East Asia and the talks of the Commonwealth Working Party on a peace Treaty for Japan, which have just ended in London after lasting some twenty days.

Both were the result of the Commonwealth Conference in Colombo last January. It is by no means clear that the fruits of all these painful labours of mind and tongue correspond to the time, effort and expense put out on them. The Kremlin has a much swifter means of creating a single voice. But so long as there is a single voice, however laboriously and even discordantly discovered, the method of talking it all out is probably the better one.

Nevertheless it does seem difficult to understand what all the potter was about at Canberra. There have been references to long term and short term plans of economic aid, but there seems in the end to have been agreement that in essence they meant much the same thing. Lord Macdonald described it as a "continuous policy of economic development which begins today and possibly extends over years." Apparently the highest ideas of proposed credit pool did not go beyond £8,000,000, and even this is being scaled down. Still, it is assumed with robust optimism that this will serve as "a potent propaganda weapon." On the one hand, we have portentous warnings about the gravity of the crisis in South East Asia, even to the extent of being a grave threat to the safety of Australia. On the other, a meagre plan to train technicians and scientists to raise the standards of living. It all seems to be a laborious and bumbling attempt to make a noise but to handle the economic aspect of the problem on the cheapest possible scale.

The meeting at Canberra stemmed from the presentation of the Spender Plan at the Colombo Conference. The general idea was to do something, if only on a small scale, and do it quickly. As detailed at Canberra, it provided for a central body to co-ordinate the distribution of technicians and other aid in a programme of simple and direct help. The objects were to increase production, raise health and living standards, and tackle educational problems. These things are being done and could be done more quickly if funds were available. Caught between the problem of the Chinese squatters and the revival of the Malay kampong, the Malayan Government is unable to make a major attack on both and on the bandit menace at the same time.

Politics enter into both, and even in these matters political considerations are paramount. If the solution of the squatter problem is essential to the isolation of the outlaws, the political settlement—as the Communities Liaison Committee stressed—requires the enlargement of economic opportunity for the Malays. Much has been done by the Federation Government in fostering Malay fisheries, padi cultivation, rubber holdings and co-operatives. But it is not enough.

We refer to Malaya because it looms so large in all minds

They say of Mr. Ernest Bevin that when he took over the British Foreign Office the only item he dropped from the Tory programme was the polished and elegant manner of expressing it.

According to this picture, an honest and lumbering Bevin who should have been pushing ahead with plans for world Socialism has foundered into a web spun by a large number of mephistophelian Foreign Office officials wearing stylish clothes and neckties whose colours indicate they were educated at famous schools.

He has been led astray, the Socialists say, by the "old gang."

But perhaps it would be truer to say that the programme of the war-time coalition Government of Great Britain under Mr. Churchill recognized a hard fact, namely, that Mr. Bevin, too, in his turn, has been compelled to acknowledge.

By doing so, Mr. Bevin has received qualified support from the Tories as well as from the large majority of Socialists. But all along he has shown an obstinate reluctance to yield.

When we come to analyse his policy we find that it has been carried out so uncertain and so late that his foreign colleagues sometimes find difficulty in guessing what Britain really wants and what she is prepared to accept.

Mr. Bevin's earliest uncertainties undoubtedly arose from the fact that he misunderstood the Russians. In his early days at the Foreign Office he believed that Left could speak to Left and that Socialists would find it easy to co-operate with Russian Communists. But the love-match simply did not come off; instead there was thumping on the conference tables, not only in Moscow, Paris and Flushing Meadows, but also in Potsdam, Vienna and Teheran.

The result of all this was a change in Mr. Bevin's attitude not only towards the Russians themselves but towards such Right-wing objects as, for instance, the Greek Monarchy and the Italian Christian-Democratic Party.

No wonder Leftwing political observers were puzzled. Probably the real watershed, the parting of the ways, occurred at the Paris Conference in the

The meeting of the 12 North Atlantic Pact Powers, can hardly fail, one way or the other, to affect the lives and happiness of every one of us.

The Pact was signed just over a year ago. Its object was to make Western Europe defensible, and save it from being subjugated by Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria already had been.

At that date Russia's gigantic army and air force were standing by in a position to overrun France, Germany and the Low Countries within a few days, and so sweep the Continent to the sea's limit. There was nothing on the ground to stop them. They were held back only by the United States monopoly of the atomic bomb.

It was then hoped, that the restraint might continue for a few years, and the idea of the

summer of 1947 shortly after the former U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, made his offer of aid to all European countries, including Russia and the satellites of the Soviets.

Bevin was quick to seize the opportunity, and called a conference in Paris for European reconstruction, but after two days of secret talks between Britain,

France and Russia, first Tass and then Molotov came out with the Russian answer to the proposal. It was No.

Molotov not only held Russia aloof from Marshall Aid, but prevented other satellite States—Czechoslovakia, in particular—from joining.

From this moment a much more intense kind of cold war became inevitable. Co-operation with Russia became impossible.

Second obstacle

Meanwhile, however, a second obstacle to Mr. Bevin's original plans became apparent.

Even before the United States came forward with the Marshall Plan it had become clear that British foreign policy was not going to be run so much on the basis of a sinking British pound. No political principles could stand up against such an influence. Certainly Mr. Bevin could not.

Lack of cash was one of the main reasons behind the British withdrawal from Palestine, by which Britain lost at one blow the important base of Haifa and the initiative in Arab affairs in the Middle East.

Equally, lack of cash has prevented Britain from maintaining a really effective defence force abroad on a scale which could give her opinions the real weight which they might otherwise deserve.

In Europe, shortage of money compelled Mr. Bevin to ask to be excused from his share of the dollar cost of running Germany, and thus to turn over the policy lead to the United States.

More recently, shortage of

Pact was to use the interval to create a defence against over-running. The subsequent occurrence of an atomic explosion in Russia and the discovery of the extent of Dr. Fuchs's unparalleled treachery make it incumbent on us to revise our time schedule for anything-space may be much shorter than we had supposed. There is less time than ever to lose.

The past 12 months have not been entirely wasted. A good deal of technical work has been done

on the strategical and financial aspects, and it might become of real and immediate value if once the governing principles were satisfactorily laid down. It is the latter which, unfortunately, are still in the air; and the serious thing is that nothing has been done towards reaching agreement about them.

None of the three principal Governments can go very far in advance of the public opinion of its particular country. And if we look at the public opinions of the three principal countries, it hardly seems likely that the points of view most prominent in each are entirely incongruous alike with each other and with reality.

None of the three Governments has faced up to the implications as they ought to hold, the line of the Elbe. The British force on the spot in Germany is about two divisions; the American not more. The French, who in a similar critical period before the 1914 war raised their two-year service to three years to provide the necessary "covering force" have now got a one-year service.

The results is like that of our own 18 months' services. Only the balance between trained and trained men is completely upset; and a very excessive proportion of the professionals in the French Army have had to be shipped to the Viet-Nam war, leaving France without the cadres for any effective European army.

The fact is that both the French and the British peoples fixed their periods of military service after the war at a time when the military threat was at its minimum. When the threat was at its maximum, they were not excluded. They are entirely out of keeping with the present situation.

But the present lack of realism in the public mind, whether in Great Britain or America or in

money got Mr. Bevin the blame for the chaos caused in Western Europe when Britain suddenly devalued the pound.

In all I would say that Sir Stafford Cripps has been more perplexing to Bevin than either Stalin or Truman. But where possible Mr. Bevin has still found room to argue in defence of his Socialist prejudices.

It is, for instance, partly due to the strong feelings held by Mr. Bevin that Spain, a vital country for Atlantic defence purposes, stays outside the Atlantic Pact. Mr. Bevin's trade union upbringing will not allow him to consider any really fruitful alliance with the Spanish dictator.

Next, by impeding the work of the Assembly of the Council of Europe, Mr. Bevin has given the impression that Britain does not want to join in the Council's activities unless it becomes a kind of Socialist League.

Unpopular

In Germany, Bevin wanted industry turned into a Socialist monopoly. The French feared such a monstrous organism; the United States distrusted it. And so German industry will not be socialised unless the Germans themselves decide to do so, whatever else may happen in the light of subsequent events.

It was not Bevin who originally proposed to turn Germany into a purely pastoral country, and he has always been in favour of a not unreasonable level of steel production; nevertheless, Britain has got most of the unpopularity for the policy of dismantling German factories because most of the plan concerned is in the British Zone.

Furthermore, Bevin's recent statement that Hitler did not change the German character, but merely expressed it, can hardly be regarded as helpful at a time when the Western Powers are considering methods of linking Germany more closely to Western policy and economics.

Here, then, is my summing-up of Ernest Bevin: The policies of this vital man, both on a long-term and a short-term basis, have been outdated and frustrated by the march of events; and if he still enjoys the confidence of the majority of his countrymen it is probably because they hope that, for a change, he is going to be obstinate about the right things.

Not wasted

By Scrutator

The chief danger

In itself the emphasis is right and necessary: but to keep saying that the "only" or "chief" danger we have now to fear is the economic one is to blind ourselves. Our present chief danger is war, which if it comes, will blow our best-laid economic schemes sky-high, and it will come, unless we prevent it, as we can do only by creating without delay a defence too strong for the aggressor to attack.

In France things are worse, as may be seen from the numbers whom the Communists are able to include to strike and riot against the import of American arms. What the false "peace" slogan of the Communists appeals to is a very deep-seated defeatism.

France, it is said, won the 1914-18 war, but only after four years' agony, and the loss of 2,000,000 men. In 1940, her struggle was hopeless; she had to surrender; and only when she surrendered did the killing cease. Why wait this time for the killing? Why make more than a token resistance, if any? All the instinct which in 1940 made great numbers of Frenchmen accept the Vichy surrender lies behind that argument. Bevin, dominant it may be, but not to be ignored by any French statesman.

How can American and British statesmen help their French colleagues there? Most of all, perhaps, by displaying quite clearly their readiness to act adequately themselves. Those small British and American armies in Germany, deeply discouraged the French; is France, they think, once more expected to supply all the soldiers? On the American side much can be done by helping the French with arms and equipment. It ought to have been done earlier; but now that supply is in progress, its effectiveness is well shown by the frantic efforts of the Communists to stop it.

To Americans, help for Europe may sometimes seem a ploughing the same fur. But really they have succeeded better here than anywhere else. Marshall Aid has succeeded; aid for Greece and Turkey has succeeded; there has been a Russian manoeuvre designed to swallow both Italy and France, but it has failed; and it is to be seen that the aid has been well used, and it is to be seen

HOLY YEAR IN ROME

By Raymond Mortimer

A Chinese lady, young and formidably elegant in a mantilla and a cape of platinum mink; an aged peasant, with a beard and childish blue eyes, in a patched cloak and carrying a long staff—he looked as if he had come out of the Van der Goe's "Adoration of the Shepherds," and had in fact walked barefoot from Udine 400 miles away: these are two of the thousands of pilgrims I have seen in Rome and on the roads to Rome.

Every day they pour in, by train, steamer, aeroplane, hitchhikers also, and from Germany a woman on a horse. The New Zealanders have chartered the first English pilgrim ship already arrived; the homages of Africa will be brought by a band of Negro bishops in September. The Pope has proclaimed a Holy Year and called the faithful from every Continent to penitence and prayer and pilgrimage. It is an occasion for exercising piety and for affirming devotion to the Holy See.

Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage arises from a profound impulse of the human heart: every historic religion has its holy places that act as magnets to the devout. And it is not a kindred feeling that sends crowds to where Shakespeare lived, and George Washington and Goethe and Wordsworth?

In the Middle Ages there was a constant interchange of pilgrims between one country and another, visiting Rome and Loreto and Padua; St. Denis and Cologne; Canterbury and Walsingham; even Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Great Romanesque churches still mark the stages on the pilgrim routes crossing Europe to Santiago di Compostella.

Many of these pilgrims were not so much devotees as forerunners of our modern tourists, impelled by curiosity, restlessness, boredom on their families, love of travel for its own sake.

Also there were sharks of all sorts who joined the pilgrims only to swindle them. How vivid the picture of the motley crew in "The Canterbury Tales": the motives of the Wife of Bath were mixed, those of the Friar and Pardoner wholly nefarious.

Pilgrimage still provides both an excuse for a beano and an opportunity for loot. Reduced prices in steamers and trains are an inducement to others beside the faithful.

In Italy some keepers of hotels and shops have been opening their mouths very wide for their expected victims: early in the year there were more rooms empty in Rome than in usual, so absurd were the prices asked for them. This has brought the hotel-keepers to their senses, and no visitor need be deterred from visiting Rome by rumours of such excesses.

I paid for my bed in a modest hotel 15s a night, little more than I should have paid last year. Bargaining remains often necessary; and at Assisi (where I found 14 motor-coaches full of pilgrims, many of them from Uruguay) I was wickedly stung for an indifferent meal.

To protect pilgrims from such exploitation the Vatican has provided 15,000 beds for them in Rome—some in convents and monasteries, most in hostels specially prepared for the occasion. There is even a camp where the young can live very cheaply under canvas. I went over the Palazzo Salviati, a military

collegio that has been transformed into an almost luxurious hospice, with marble all over the place, its own restaurant and shops, a chapel, and even a bar. The cubicles, all freshly furnished, are not only spick and span but pretty and inviting.

The proportion of Italians among the pilgrims is high; and in St. Peter's the casual behaviour natural to them—a mixture of gusto and even gaiety with devotion—contrasts with the solemn men of pilgrims from the Northern countries.

Some of these, I felt, might easily be dismayed by certain aspects of Rome. What, for instance, will Irish Catholics, who are so conscientiously puritan, make of the pagan splendours of the Vatican? I could not but be amused as I watched French schoolgirls being shown the Borgias Apartments, in which Plinarchio depicted the Pope's mistress and son in the guise of a Madonna and Child.

And then there were nuns in the Sistine Chapel gazing through opera-glasses at the ceiling upon which are extended the huge, audacious nudes of Michelangelo.

A Sainly Pope

Any such disconcerting impressions will be effaced by the far deeper impression that the present Pope creates. His life is known to be austere in the extreme: indeed a Protestant who knows him well has described him to me as a saint. Moreover the occupant of the oldest throne in the world is gifted with a presence that makes visible, to a startling degree, his noble and potent personality.

This year he has been holding public audiences in St. Peter's twice a week, and he is expected to do so more often as the stream of pilgrims continues to swell. The spectacle is extraordinary. The enormous basilica, its columns hung with red damask, is dense with pilgrims from every free country.

A broad gangway is kept clear from the entrance up to the high Altar, and along this the Holmes is carried shoulder-high.

He is in white, without the triple tiara and ostrich-feather fans which are reserved for more formal functions. From a throne in front of the Bernini baldachino he welcomes and edifies the faithful, successively in Italian, French, German, English and Spanish.

(He can speak excellent Polish also, but of course Moscow allows no pilgrim to emerge from behind the Iron Curtain.)

Then he pronounces in Latin a benediction, and is carried through the length of the basilica amid the acclamations of the crowd.

I do not see how anyone with a sense of history, or piety, could fail to be impressed, whatever his faith or lack of faith. Italians, who are no less prone to cynicism than to superstition, sometimes accuse Pius XII of being theatrical, lightly comparing him with Cleopatra. Duse, so expressive is the elegance of his hands of gestures.

Even more conspicuous, however, is the benignity that smiles upon his severe, intellectual features as he bends deeply down from the gesture of blessing to one side, then to the other, and rains blessings with both hands upon the upturned faces of the multitude.

If Rome were not the most rewarding of cities, it would still be worth going there in order to witness a ceremony so spectacular, so traditional, and so touching.

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BRADLEY FORECAST

San Francisco, May 19. General Omar Bradley predicted today that Russia will probably have enough atom bombs in a few years to deliver a devastating blow anywhere.

To meet this threat of an atomic blackmailer, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff set forth a four-point "must" programme.

1. "Prepare our own defences so that no attack on the United States will cripple this arsenal of the Western World."

2. "Prepare along with our friends in the North Atlantic Pact to make Europe reasonably secure from being overrun quickly on the ground."

3. "Encourage every nation outside the Iron Curtain of Communism to be strong to resist and to survive."

4. "Let those nations now under the heel of Soviet-inspired people's governments know that we will welcome them."

General Bradley spoke at a combined meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial Club of San Francisco. United Press.

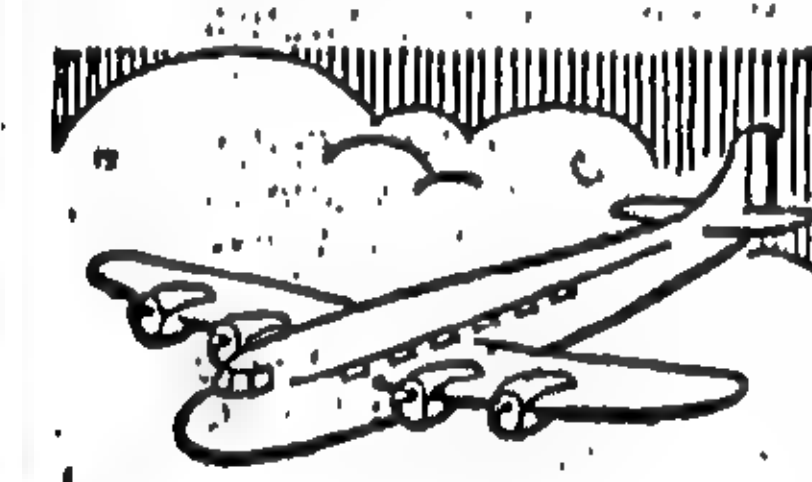
ENTERTAINMENT'S LOW STANDARDS

West Dulwich, May 19. A vicar says moral standards in the entertainment industry are too low and wants his congregation to boycott films and theatres.

The Rev. Charles A. Roach complained in his parish magazine that stage and screen stars' private lives are used to build up interest in productions. "Flagrant departure from normal standards should not be employed for money-making rewards," he said.

His solution: stay away until the industry mends its ways.

Said 42-year-old Mr. Roach: "I'm not a kill-joy, but film magazines think it doesn't matter what they do so long as it pays." Associated Press.



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Sydney conference comes to successful ending

Sydney, May 19.

Seven British Commonwealth nations today agreed to spend £8,000,000 to aid South and South East Asia as soon as possible, with a possible expenditure of £23,000,000 in six years.

The Australian Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Percy C. Spender, Chairman of the Commonwealth conference which has been meeting here all the week, said, "We have now come to a successful conclusion of our deliberations, which is an indication of the importance attached by Commonwealth countries to the welfare and stability of the area of South East Asia."

"Great emphasis should be placed on the extraordinary agreement we have reached on all the major matters before us."

The conference, called in extension of the Commonwealth meeting at Colombo earlier this year, came to an end late tonight.

Anglo-Egypt talks may resume

Cairo, May 19. Anglo-Egyptian talks towards revising the 1936 alliance will resume soon, sources close to the Egyptian Government said today.

The British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell, called today on the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohamed Salah Hassen Bey. The informants said that the Ambassador handed London's reply to an Egyptian note concerning the resumption of negotiations. They have been deadlocked since 1947.

Egypt wants the treaty to include immediate British evacuation and unity of the Nile valley under the Egyptian crown.

Sir Robert Howe, Governor-General of the Sudan, is expected in Cairo on Monday en route for leave in Britain.

The Egyptian Press said that Sir Robert will have talks on the Sudan question with the Prime Minister, Nahas Pasha. A Sudan Agency spokesman, however, said the proposed talks were routine. He explained that the Governor-General will merely report to Nahas Pasha on the situation in the Sudan.

Sudan is administered jointly by Egypt and Britain. In the past, negotiations have broken down on the Sudan issue. Egypt has always asked that the Sudan be united with Egypt and Britain has insisted that the Sudanese should be given a free choice of their future status in due time. Associated Press.

SEX PERVERTS IN GOVERNMENT

Washington, May 19. The Senate Republican leader, Kenneth Wherry, said today that the Washington police estimate that there are 3,750 sex perverts in the Government here, ranging from higher-ranking officials to minor functionaries.

In a formal report to the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee, Senator Wherry said the police had said 300 to 400 State Department employees were suspected or allegedly homosexual.

The Washington police reported that they had uncovered what purported to be a plan of the Communists to sabotage and damage Washington in case of war with Russia. The Red fifth column was using sex degenerates for subversive purposes and there are 1,000 bad security risks in Washington.

The report gave no details of the purported plot to sabotage Washington. The State Department has officially denied it has any known perverts on its payroll. United Press.

It was said that the agreement was to aid Asia sooner than had at first been expected.

A deadlock had threatened the meeting for days, but was broken with a compromise on the granting of immediate technical aid to the Communist-menaced areas.

The leader of the Indian delegation, Mr. Rameswami Mudaliar, commented, "India will do all she can to help the less fortunate peoples of these areas to find their feet, to raise the low level of their standard of living and to bring a certain amount of contentment to people who in the past have been subjected to domination."

The leader of the Ceylon delegation, Mr. J. Jayawardene, said, "We are now proceeding from the arena of words to the arena of deeds and I trust that in translating the words into action we shall be helping in the building of a great and noble conception."

The British Paymaster-General, Lord Macdonald, leader of the United Kingdom delegation, said after today's session, "We have given practical shape to the Colombo economic resolutions and we can leave for our respective homes in the knowledge that a sure foundation has been laid for the urgent work which lies ahead in the full development of the countries of South and South East Asia."

"We have reconciled mutual points of view to secure the emergence of a report and recommendations which our delegations and the delegations of other Governments here assembled accepted as an expression of the common purposes of us all."

A final communique issued by the Commonwealth Consultative Committee said that it was decided to recommend that a Commonwealth technical assistance scheme for South and South East Asia should be inaugurated within the next few months.

The total amount of assistance involved would be £8,000,000 over a period of three years.

The Committee recommended that a Commonwealth Bureau be set up at Colombo to co-ordinate the work.

Most effective method

It further recommended that a formal approach be made to Governments of non-Commonwealth countries in South and South East Asia, informing them of the Committee's deliberations and the course of action they contemplated.

These Governments should be informed that their full association in the enterprise would be welcomed by the Commonwealth Governments, the communique added.

The Committee decided that the most effective method of tackling the vast and intricate problems facing the peoples of South and South East Asia and of meeting their urgent need for economic development would be to start immediately a programme based on action by the Governments represented at the conference, the communique added.

The communique said that there was already a considerable flow of technical assistance through private and Government channels to the area concerned, and that valuable assistance had already been received from the United Nations, the specialised agencies and their regional organisations, it was considered that their required to be supplemented immediately.

The communique recommended that the development of Asian areas should proceed by progressive stages under a plan covering a period of six years.

Total of 23 millions

According to informed sources here the sum of £23,000,000 has been mentioned as the total on commitments over the six years, but that is to be determined at the suggested London conference in September.

The £8,000,000 for technical assistance over a three-year period is understood to be an emergency measure for immediate aid, these sources stated.

At the open, final session, Mr. Spender declared, "The result of our deliberations lays the foundation stone of the edifice which in the end will help in bringing about the stability of the countries of South East Asia."

The leader of the Canadian delegation, Mr. Robert W. Mayhew, said, "We have had a very, very successful meeting and it is but a first step, and shortly the fruits of our work will be obvious to all."

Mr. W. Doidges, who headed the New Zealand delegation, said at the open session, "I especially appreciate and they will appreciate it in Britain—the remark that Mr. Jayawardene (Ceylon) had made when he said that Britain was in truth the mother of the old Dominions, but also the step-mother of the new nations of the Commonwealth."

Hopes of world

"There has been no ill-feeling, and to me the real joy is that we can go away feeling it is true that in our association we have found our strength."

"I am more convinced than ever that in the strength of the British Commonwealth lies the future hope of the world."

Mr. Chaudhry, the Pakistani delegation, declared, "I have seen here around the table a spirit of understanding and I consider that it promises well for the future."

"The practical proposals agreed upon, I am sure, will lead us to better and even spectacular results," he added.

ECA OFFICIAL FOR SAIGON

Washington, May 19. The United States officially announced today that an ECA official, Robert Blum, will leave on Friday night by plane for Saigon to open an office for United States aid to Indo-China.

This is the first implementation of Mr. Secretary of State, Dean Acheson's, promise to the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, of United States determination to aid Indo-China in the fight against Communism. United Press.

Peking protest to Britain on planes

London, May 19.

Communist China has protested to Britain about the detention in Hong Kong of 70 Chinese civil aircraft, the New China News Agency reported in a despatch from Peking received in London today.

The Agency said that Chang Han-fu, Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister, had handed a note to Mr. John Hutchingson, British Charge d'Affaires, in Peking.

The note "solemnly protested the unfriendly act of the British Government in ordering the detention on the Government airfield of Kai Tak in Hong Kong of 70 planes of the China National Aviation Corporation and of the Central Air Transport Corporation."

The note alleged that several of the 70 planes in Hong Kong had been damaged by criminal elements. It accused the British authorities in Hong Kong of failure to assume the responsibility for their protection. This not only indicated that the British Government have not the least respect for State property of the Central People's Government, but is also an expression of a most unfriendly attitude towards the People's Government of China. —Reuter.

U.S. to apportion dollar aid to Asian countries

Washington, May 19.

The United States will apportion dollar aid to South East Asia according to the needs of each country and the possibilities afforded by local conditions to put this aid to immediate and effective use.

Mr. James Webb, the Assistant Secretary of State, said this today.

There would be no "packaged dollar allocation" to South East Asian countries under the economic aid programme that the United States was now preparing, he declared.

At his weekly Press conference here, Mr. Webb said it was not possible to generalise on aid to the area as a whole, but agricultural aid, health improvement and transportation facilities keyed to food supply and economic rehabilitation were general to all of South East Asia.

Mr. Webb said that the recommendations of the American Griffin Mission to South East Asia, made after an on-the-spot survey and considerable consultation with Asian Governments, would not be made public, though they had been generally approved by the United States Government.

The recommendations, he said, were still in the process of review, and negotiations were being carried on with the Governments concerned.

U.S. aim

Mr. Webb explained that the administration of the aid programme to South East Asia would be carried out by the Economic Co-operation Administration in conjunction with the State Department.

The aim is to help democratic governments in the area to overcome economic handicaps resulting from the war.

The Griffin Mission, he said, was not concerned with spending a sum of money for each country, but rather with drawing up a programme, in consultation with local governments, which could meet their most urgent economic and technical assistance needs. —Reuter.

London, May 19.

Keith Jones, a Secretary of the British Embassy in Warsaw, whose recall was demanded by the Polish Government, arrived in London today for reassignment.

He was withdrawn after the Polish Government complained that he ripped down a Polish peace poster at the Poznan trade fair on May 1. The Foreign Office refused comment on the affair. —Associated Press.

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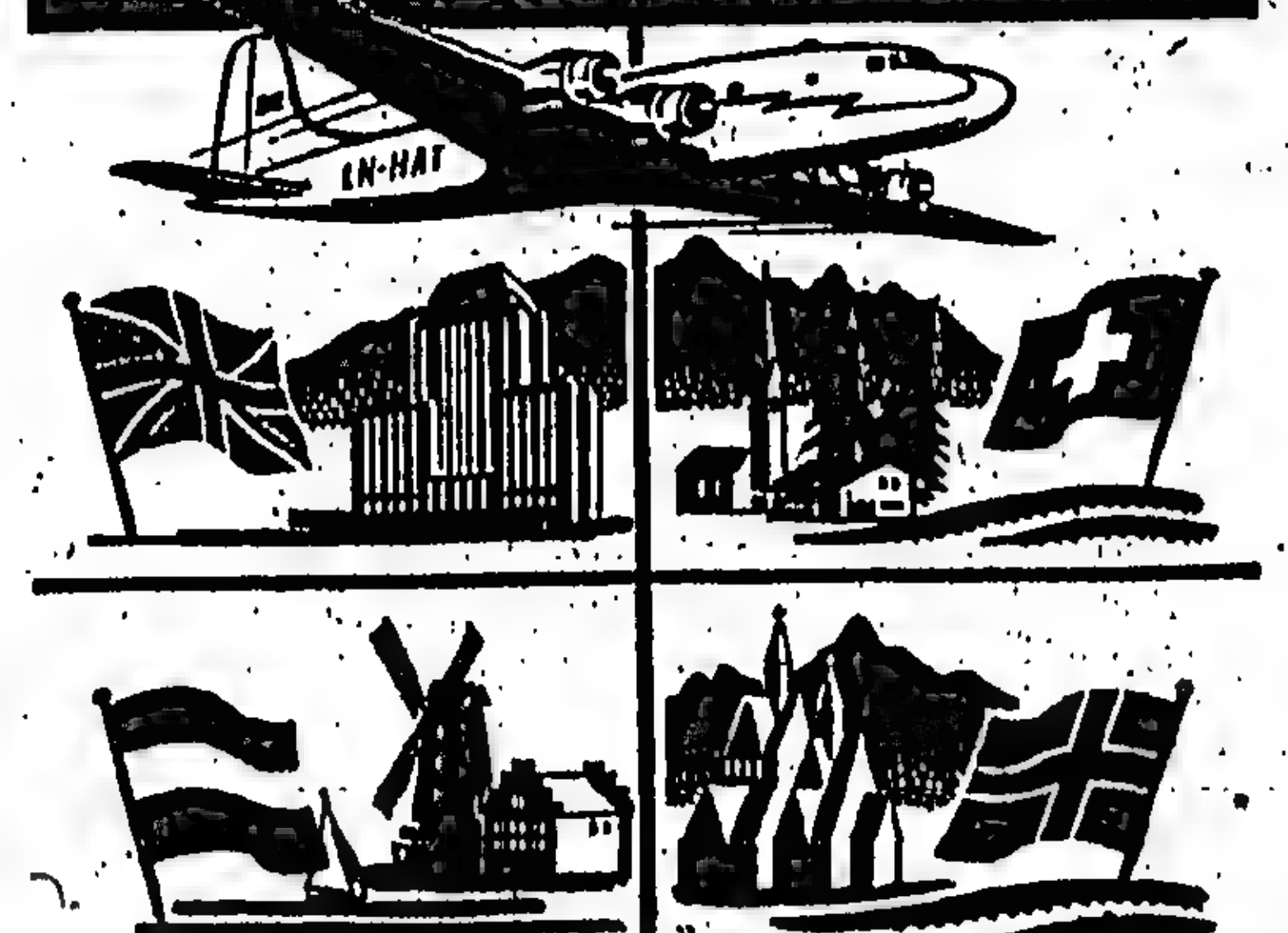
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Russian trawler fleet passes through Channel

London, May 19.

The British Coast Guard authorities said today that about 20 small Russian vessels had appeared mysteriously off the South Coast of Britain, where Western Union naval forces are massing for spring manoeuvres.

The authorities believed additional Russian ships sailed down the French side of the English Channel, out of sight of the British coast.

MR. NEHRU AS PEACE MESSIAH

London, May 19.

Mr. Govind Sahal, member of the Indian Legislative Assembly, said here today that there was a growing volume of people who looked to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, as the Messiah of peace.

On his way to the conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers in Sweden, which opens in Stockholm on May 20, Mr. Sahal, who is himself a farmer in the United Provinces, told Reuters that he had noticed in Britain, France and Italy a tremendous urge towards peace. Any political leadership which made peace its great aim was bound to succeed in almost any country.

By instinct and temperament, farmers were men of peace. If the 400 agriculturists from 30 different countries attending the Stockholm conference formed a determined peace front, they could contribute much to the world's prosperity.

"There is a lot to be learned from Western Europe," added Mr. Sahal.

"It is very noticeable here that the people never allow their political differences to cloud the main issues," Reuters.

TOKYO MISSION

Washington, May 19.

The Under-Secretary of State, James Webb, said today that the Secretary of Defence, Louis Johnson, was returning to Tokyo to contribute to a better understanding of Japanese peace treaty problems by the U.S. Government.

Mr. Webb discussed the peace treaty situation at a news conference in which he substituted for Mr. Dean Acheson, Associated Press.

The British followed various groups of Soviet trawlers on radar screens being polished up for the forthcoming West European manoeuvres by British, Netherlands and French ships.

The naval authorities recalled that other vessels were reported near the Caribbean manoeuvres two months ago when 80,000 men tested secret weapons.

Nine vessels, apparently large tugboats or trawlers, sailed past Deal just after midnight and made no response to signals from Coast Guard stations. Most of the ships, the authorities said, seemed to be sailing west in the English Channel.

Although the Russians claim territorial waters extend 12 miles beyond their own coasts, the ships sailed just outside Britain's three-mile limit, appearing on radar screens.

To Black Sea

Seven other ships, two fishing vessels and five tugs, loomed off the Isle of Wight just before dusk today.

They told the boarding motor torpedo boat officer they were transferring from the Baltic to the Black Sea and asked permission to shelter in the British harbour, because two of the convoy had broken down. However, the naval authorities said they did not put into port, sailing through the English Channel in almost perfect formation.

Six additional Russian trawlers were sighted in the Channel this afternoon. The Soviet ships were within their rights sailing through the Channel, but the authorities planning the Western naval exercises said the movement was a little extraordinary. Soviet ships en route from the Baltic to the open Atlantic have not used the Channel route for years, United Press.

BEVIN'S "HANDS OFF" WARNING TO RUSSIA

London, May 19.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, today reaffirmed that the British Government remains vitally concerned in the independence, integrity and security of Greece, Turkey and Persia.

He said that Britain was determined to continue giving direct support to these three countries and others striving to safeguard their independence and territorial integrity.

"America must be prepared"

Rock Hill, South Carolina, May 20.

James F. Byrnes said today that the United States must put preparedness ahead of new anti-united welfare State programmes if it was to deal with the menace of war with Russia.

The 70-year-old former Secretary of State did not expect the Russians to start a shooting war in the near future. However, he added, the Soviet leaders would not be likely to listen to peace arguments from a country unprepared to back them up with war tools.

Americans were too realistic not to see the need of preparedness, Mr. Byrnes continued. The Government must place first things first, he declared.

"We must remember that if we fail there is no Marshall Plan for us," he said. "Should we fail, freedom will fail. It will be the end of freedom, not only for us but for all peoples. I am no military expert, but I would like to see a large number of mobile troops. I want to see the Federal Government pay more attention to the National Guard and show greater sympathy with the Guard."—United Press.

INDIA, PAKISTAN & SOUTH AFRICA

London, May 19.

India and Pakistan have co-ordinated their policies towards South Africa as a result of the New Delhi agreement on minorities.

Pakistan told the South African Government that it was in full agreement with India in taking for suspension of all action under the Asiatic Land Tenure Act of 1948. Previously, the Indian and Pakistani delegations to Capetown meetings, in preparation for a round-table conference with South Africa, had shown themselves at cross-purposes. Pakistan had refused to join in demonstrations against the South African Government whereas India freely did so. Pakistan had also asked the ban on trade with South Africa as a counter to the Indian blockade.

Pakistan's new declaration indicated that these policies might be reversed if full satisfaction was not obtained at the forthcoming round-table conference.—United Press.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN MACASSAR

Jakarta, May 19.

News of serious fighting in Macassar, the capital of East Indonesia, spread through Central Government censorship today.

The Indonesian news agency Antara reported that KNIL troops (the Indonesian Corps of Dutch Armed Forces) and units of the U.S. army are battling with tanks and mortars, and U.S. reinforcements are being sent from Central Java.

Jakarta newspapers said today that three army barracks were burned down yesterday and Macassar hospitals are filled with victims of the fighting.—Associated Press.

In his statement, interpreted as a "warning" to Russia, Mr. Bevin said: The recent discussions in London have provided the opportunity of re-examining the position of certain countries which are not members of the North Atlantic Council, but whose security is a matter of special concern, notably Greece, Turkey and Persia.

"His Majesty's Government remain vitally concerned in the independence, integrity and security of Greece, Turkey and Persia. I am convinced that the strengthening of the North Atlantic Treaty will be conducive to that end."

Mr. Bevin issued his statement simultaneously with a declaration by Mr. Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State, after the historic Atlantic Pact talks in London.

Diplomatic quarters considered the two declarations a co-ordinated set of policy, designed to warn Russia against any renewal of pressure in the Middle East.

They were issued, it was felt, to make it clear, both to the Greek, Persian and Turkish Governments, and to the Soviet Union, that the development of the Atlantic community did not imply any policy of Atlantic isolationism.

Mr. Acheson, leaving Britain for the United States, said that America continued to be vitally concerned in the security of areas outside the North Atlantic community, specially in Greece, Turkey and Persia.

He added: "I wish to reaffirm the deep interest of the United States Government in the security of Greece, Turkey and Persia, and our determination to continue our policy of supporting these and other countries which are striving through military and economic efforts to safeguard their independence and territorial integrity."

In Washington, the U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, called tonight for an extension of the draft to give encouragement to all free nations threatened by Russia.

He spoke at a unification banquet given by the Army, Navy and Air Force on the eve of the nation's first Armed Forces Day.

Mr. Johnson said that the draft law, now due to expire on June 30, should be extended not only to build up American armed strength but for the psychological encouragement it would give to "our friends."

He added, "The shadow of spreading imperialism creeps dangerously close to their borders."—Reuters and United Press.

SAIGON BACK TO NORMAL

Saigon, May 19.

Police were patrolling the streets here today but calm returned to the city after yesterday's violent incidents marking the 60th birthday of the Vietnamese (Indo-Chinese insurgent) leader, Dr. Ho Chi-minh.

A general strike was called for today by the Vietnamese supporters but only taxi drivers and a few shopkeepers responded. In 48 hours four hand-grenades had exploded, killing two Chinese and wounding six others, two Vietnamese mortar shells fell in Saigon without causing damage or casualties and two Army water wagons were attacked outside the city.

Two hundred people were taken to police stations for identity checking.

Vietnamese flags and leaflets were distributed, and photographs of Moscow-trained Dr. Ho Chi-minh appeared on trees and telegraph poles.

The Vietnamese Council of Ministers today decided to impose prepublication censorship of local newspapers.

The Vietnam Cabinet agreed on anti-terrorist measures at its meeting today. The measures, details of which were not given, were drafted yesterday at the first meeting of the Anti-Terrorist Committee set up by the Cabinet at its last meeting.

The French High Commissioner for Indo-China, M. Leon Pignon, arrived in Saigon from Paris by air today, Agence France Presse reported.

The front pages of the Peking Press and special radio programmes were dedicated today to the news of the 60th birthday of Dr. Ho Chi-minh, according to the Peking radio.—Reuters and United Press.

Australian labour breaks precedent

Canberra, May 19.

The Australian Labour Opposition, fighting a Government Bill to repeal the nationalisation of the banks, today broke all Parliament precedent by boycotting a meeting of the Senate.

Government supporters were not able to muster the necessary 20 votes for a quorum (one-third of the total seats).

The Prime Minister, Mr. Robert G. Menzies, who recently threatened a dissolution of Parliament if Labour used its Senate majority to throw out his Anti-Communist Bill, commented that Labour's delaying tactics in the Senate were childish.

The stage might be reached when it was clear the Senate had no intention of passing the legislation.

"It then becomes the duty of the Government to advise the Governor-General," he added. "We are watching the position and our watching will be more quickly rewarded by a few more incidents of this kind."

Mr. Menzies introduced a constitutional amendment—second reading—aimed at preventing this month aimed at preventing the majority party in the Lower House having its legislation emasculated by a hostile Senate.

This would be done by altering the method of electing Senators after another General Election.

The boycott developed from a series of bickering exchanges in the Senate last night, when Labour forced an adjournment of the debate on the second reading of the Bank Bill.

The Bill, which was passed through the House of Representatives on May 4, against measures Labour opposition, repeals sections of the former Labour Government's 1947 Bank Nationalisation Act, still in force.

The main terms of the 1947 Act were declared to be unconstitutional by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

When the bells rang this morning for the adjourned debate, Moscovitz Senators assembled in the lobby but did not enter the Chamber.—Reuters.

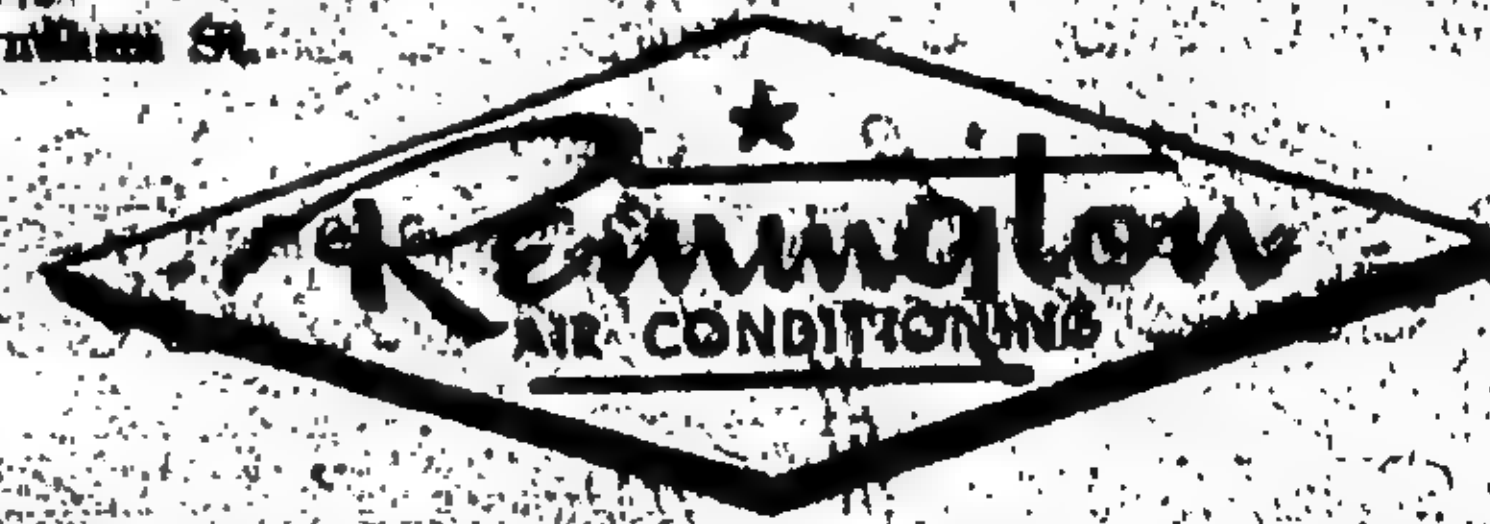
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Against the Reds

Australia has been taking its politics more seriously than it usually does since Prime Minister Menzies brought down his Bill to suppress the Communist Party. Its a thorough going measure, with some provisions, such as the right of entry and onus of proof, that in normal circumstances would have roused a storm of protest. As things are, it has been accepted with surprising calm — an indication that the issue is considered as serious as the measures proposed to correct it.

The Labour Party, initially in-clauder in its reactions because of its mixed composition, its fear of antagonising the Trades Unions and its equally strong fear of being caught up in the Communist net, has, after much internal debate, announced its opposition to the right of entry clauses, the onus of proof (which is on the declared person), and the appeal provisions, but in the main it has gone quietly.

Swift and unanimous support for the measure came from the churches, Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist each lining up with established authority and deploring the incursions of Communist philosophy, which the Presbyterian spokesman described as "wretched, miserable faith that shrinks the personality of man." The strongest move against the Bill came from the waterlanders and the Communist-controlled Central Council of the Miners Federation, key union in Australia's industry. It decided that the men should hold pit top meetings and decide what action they would take. Only half the miners went on strike as a result.

Prime Minister Menzies dropped another political bomb by his announcement of intention to seek an amendment to the constitution affecting the election of the Senate.

First reaction to the announcement, which was sprung on the house and virtually on his own party, which knows little or nothing about it, was that it was designed to break the Opposition's present grip on the Senate and thus prevent it from hamstringing the Anti-Communist Bill.

The Prime Minister later explained that it was a technical measure calculated to remove the almost insuperable risk of a deadlock in the Senate in the event of a double dissolution. It is a long term measure and, though its explanation sounds like a mathematician's nightmare, it has solid support from constitutional lawyers.

Confused situation

For the rest, the political situation is rather confused. In the Tasmanian elections there is a deadlock, each camp having 15 seats; in Queensland and Western Australia Labour has been turned. Most notable incident was the thorough defeat of Australia's only Communist Member of Parliament, Fred Patterson, in Queensland.

But with all the political hubbub, Canberra, the political heart of the nation, is looking its lovely autumnal best. It is a mass of colour with poplars that look like spires of pure gold, translucent amber trees, the royal purple of the prunus and hedges brilliant with berries.

What with the suggestions that Russia, in the event of war, is likely to have submarines in the Pacific and a vague feeling of uncertainty about the future of the world, the visit of US Admiral A. W. Radford to coincide with the anniversary of the Coral Sea battle and his conference with Australian Navy Minister J. Frazer has created some interest.

Minister Frazer has said that Australia's first line of defence should be naval aviation and, to that end proposes a second light aircraft carrier, senior instructors from Britain, modernisation of HMAS Sydney (earlier converted to a carrier) and overseas training for naval pilots.

Observers say that the conference discussed, detailed planning of co-operation between the Australian and the United States navies in the event of war in the Pacific and the probable areas for which each fleet would be respon-



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sible. Admiral Radford, incidentally, told Sydney interviewers that he thought that the onward march of Communism in South East Asia had developed into a very serious situation, though he wouldn't say it was positively explosive.

The country has been agog with conferences and the promontory warnings of conferences to come. The South Pacific Air Transport Council has been haggling over its problems and advocating, among other things, the use of Tonga as an alternative airport to Fiji.

The National Conference of the Federated Taxpayers Association has made its customary assault on the Sales Tax which it says penalises the family man, produces anomalies and shows no regard for ability to pay. It is asking the Federal Government to cut it out.

About Japan

Australians have not been easy in their minds about Japan since the war ended. Apart from the inescapable animosities engendered by the war, they've felt uneasy about the islands to the North. When some of General MacArthur's Supreme Allied Command Staff in Japan announced that Japan could survive only by migration Southwards as far as New Guinea they felt really alarmed.

However Australian newsmen, who went with the first Australian Press Party to visit Japan since the war, brought back an announcement that he was opposed to Japanese migration Southwards towards Australia. He added that the frontiers of America and Australia in the Pacific had moved from their own shores to the shores of Asia.

Of this and that

There's been a wave of auction sales of properties in Sydney recently, or rather a wave of attempted sales. Cottages, blocks of flats, and business premises have been on offer, but a big proportion of them have not been sold because the undisclosed reserves have been too high. Ideas seem to be that property prices might recede and that it would be a good idea to cash in now while there's still a screaming demand. Trouble is that the owners apparently want to cash in too heavily.

Petty's Hotel, one of Sydney's best known establishments, with a long tradition of solid worth and service, was one of the more notable places up for sale. Bidding went up to \$120,000—but that wasn't enough. None would say what would have bought it.

Blackest outlook in the country is that of 50 employees of the Victorian State Electricity Commission. They'll spend the winter above the snow line on the roof of Victoria to find out what and how much work can be done when up to 20 feet of snow covers the ground. The experiment will have a big bearing on the construction of the Snowy River hydro-electric scheme. The men will live on the Bogong High Plains, 10,000 feet above sea level where hitherto only skiers on brief trips and specially selected weather men of the Commission have wintered.

The struggle for dollars goes on. A while ago D. D. Villalobos, a scientist from the Philippines who attended the Indo-Pacific Fisheries conference in Sydney, expressed a keen interest in getting supplies of Australian seaweed for stock feed and for human consumption. There is a wealth of the appropriate weed growing off the Tasmanian coast and it is being considered as a dollar earner.

Another minor dollar earning bid comes from well known boat builders and sailing men of Sydney — the Halvorsen brothers. They're sending their yacht Peer Gynt to America for sale, expect shell earn \$50,000 dollars. Peer Gynt won the Sydney-Hobart

Race this year. It is the biggest Ocean Race in these parts.

Radio down under

The Australian air is pretty thoroughly combed by radio these days. Latest reports reveal that 2,000,000 radio licenses have been issued by the Postmaster General's Department. That means that more than 90 per cent of Australian homes are equipped with radio—which is not bad considering that broadcasting started here in 1923 and that there were only 1,000,000 licenses in 1937.

Another indication of the good life is the beer production. More than 147,000,000 gallons were produced locally, which would add up to 18½ gallons for every man, woman and child in the country if they each had an equal share. On top of this 3,000,000 gallons of bottled beer were imported from Britain.

This may explain why New South Wales Commissioner of Police J. F. Scott is so interested in an American machine for eating beer drunkness. The machine, which he would like to have installed in Sydney, determines whether a man has had a drink, how much alcohol he has in his blood stream. At present there's no standard for drunkenness. It depends on how well you can hold your liquor.

Rice shortage

One of the things that has troubled Australians is that they haven't been able to get any of the locally grown rice, unless they have a doctor's certificate or do their tating in the oriental cafes which are becoming more numerous. The local crop, which has been increasing, has been earmarked for the succour of the Far East. Now, apparently, there's a surplus in the Far East, or at least those parts of it to which Australian rice has been sent, and after the crop prospects have been assessed locally, there's a chance that Australians will be able to fry a bit of their own rice again.

A young Brisbane pilot, A. F. Carlson, age 24, has set a new light plane solo altitude record of 17,200 ft (indicated) which means, after corrections for temperature, an actual height of 16,450 ft. Previous record was about 17,000 ft, made by a Perth woman, Carlson, flying a Moth Miner, went the last 500 ft. up in a temperature one degree below freezing point.

Most novel hat seen among the gaily bobbing feathers of Sydney's smarter women is a flying saucer creation. It is a close fitting thing like a skull cap, though much more elegant, and has a connective support on which rests another piece of felt saucer-shaped and bedecked with plumes.

The concert season is starting up again with soprano Erna Berger and Israeli pianist Pinia Salzman heading the long line of artists due from abroad. Tito Schipa, Italian tenor, who on his last visit was greeted by black-shirted compatriots with upraised right arms, is back again. Tito, who used to have a passion for gaily coloured berets, says that he wants to stay in Australia to help Sydney Conservatorium Director Eugene Goossens build a National Theatre—the big dream of the more intense culture addicts.

With the inflow of celebrities there's been an outflow of local talent. Top Australian radio characters on the way to England include Betty Dickson and Wilfred Thomas.

This and that

Sydney socialites paused for a moment in the Canasta stampede to pretty-up for the opening of Henriette Lamotte's elaborate salon in Rowe Street—"so much like Paris." The parade of 80 hats was valued at £2,000 and

that didn't include the champagne that was served up at the christening, just the mink and diamond encrustations of the chapeaux so extravagantly tiny but so inspiring that it was a wonder one model at least wasn't tipped into a loving cup to honour the occasion.

Actor-producer Spencer Teakle whiffed away the return trip from U.S. by dealing off a book on Canada, and because the fast-paced South American card game is running through the land like a bush fire the effort has been rubbed between covers and will be on the bookshelves almost before the cards have cleared the dust.

The Raleigh touch, modern style, helped the Marly Mardi Gras Queen across the dollar puddle which looked like keeping her from the world-famous New Orleans Mardi Gras carnival which was part of her prize. The gracious gesture was made by a Shanghai business man holidaying in Sydney who provided the 600 American dollars necessary for the Queen, 21-year old Betty Sterland, and her chaperone, but he insisted on wearing the cloak of invisibility. Mystery man met the grown-up beauty for the first time when he presented travellers' cheques the day before she left, promised to see her off at the airport, but in all the last-minute rush only man in the picture seemed to be finance Don Elliott whom Betty plans to marry in October.

Valde C. Theodore, in Sydney in his 60th year, was Federal Treasurer, his life was a page of riches drama in which dazzling successes alternated with adversity. One of the great storms of his career was caused by his Depression Plan to increase the hotel tax to £18 million. It is reported that in 1931 worthless German marks were thrown from the galleries at his meetings to show what would happen if we followed the Theodore plan. Paradoxically as Director of Allied Works in World War II he controlled the spending of hundreds of millions, not backed by an ounce of gold. Currently there are £221 million notes in circulation, and no gold. All gold we win is promptly shipped abroad.

Too revealing

A new invention (and it has nothing to do with America) is causing a stir in Tokyo, says Richard Hughes.

The invention is called an "Honourable Brain Examiner," built by a professor at Tokyo University, on the lines of the Western "lie-detector."

Not only does the mechanical brain examiner measure and classify the ability of a brain, but it also—according to the professor—detects criminal tendencies and other abnormalities.

The Honourable Brain Examiner (again according to the professor) works very simply. All you have to do is to lay your head on the machine, wait while power connections are made, and then within a few minutes your brain has been examined, and the machine leaves an assessment of the facts on a rotating cylinder.

All might have gone well for the professor had he not decided to issue all the machine's findings. Unfortunately, just when it seemed the Welfare Ministry was going to adopt this gadget, the news leaked out that volunteer patients were being certified "honourable" by the machine.

Now there are no more volunteers and the Welfare Ministry is becoming impatient.

Can women shine as diplomats?

By John Fisher

Some recent items in the world's news raise the question—are women fitted to make successful careers in the Diplomatic Service?

Are they better than men at negotiating a treaty, at convincing others of their own point of view and in gaining the confidence of the people of the country they are sent to?

Or do they merely complicate an already over-complicated world by dragging in human relationships and petticoat influences that should have no place in protocol diplomacy?

During my trips round the various diplomatic centres of Europe and Asia, I have often tried—and usually failed—to answer this question conclusively.

In variety

Looking round the Foreign Scene, I find that women envoys, like many other women, have been unsatisfactorily hard to pin down and classify.

Madame Alexandra Kollentay, whom the Soviet appointed as its Ambassador to Sweden during World War II, had been in the Russian diplomatic service since 1920.

Other women appear to have needed practically no training at all. For instance, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, a first-rate negotiator, took up diplomacy when she married rather than, as some women do, giving it up for a wedding ring.

Another current appointment is that of Vijalakshmi Pandit as India's Ambassador to Washington. She again is not a career diplomat, but she happens to be the sister of India's Premier Nehru.

The Americans have probably gone further than any other country in promoting women envoys, but neither of the chief feminine figures in their diplomatic shop window came up the hard way.

Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, five-foot-five mother of two from Red Wing, Minnesota, who last year became the first woman to be appointed a United States Ambassador, had never been in politics until 1944—or in Government service either for that matter. She had previously lived with her husband and children on their 400 acre wheat and dairy farm, and had busied herself in local charity activities. Till 1937 she had never travelled outside the United States. Now in Copenhagen she sits at the head of the table and her husband at the other end.

Not far away as the Comet flies is another woman diplomat, Mrs. Ferno Weitz, American Minister to Luxembourg. She qualified for the post by an arduous stretch of diplomatic—entertaining—in Washington.

All this does not, of course, prove that women do not make good diplomats—or that they do. It merely shows that it may not

be necessary to spend taxpayers' money on training them for the highest diplomatic posts.

Meanwhile Britain's Foreign Office has been swimming backstroke in order to avoid this fashionable tide of feminine success. It was years before they promoted the question of women in diplomacy to its status of "receiving consideration" so that of "receiving active consideration".

Miss Cecily Latham was the first woman to qualify as a permanent member of the Foreign Office staff, and did so during Hitler's war.

In 1942 Miss Mary McGeehey was made a member of the British Embassy staff in Washington and given diplomatic status. This she was the first British woman to attain full recognition in a foreign State. She became First Secretary of the Embassy in Washington. Two years later the Hon. Mrs. Stewart MacKenzie was appointed Assistant Commercial Secretary to the British Embassy in Moscow.

In 1945 Mrs. Marjorie Spikes was appointed to a specially created diplomatic post in Washington, to act as liaison officer with all American women's organisations.

Good luck, I say, to all these talented ladies. In fact, extra good luck, for that is what they need. In the British Foreign Service marriage is the make that can demote you not only to the very bottom of the ladder but, in fact, right out of the service.

Male diplomats can not only marry, but can even choose a beautiful foreign bride if they get the Foreign Secretary's permission.

Limitations

There is, too, the undoubted fact that many men and some women would rather work for a male than a woman. This is rather important those days when an Ambassador has to deal not only with his own staff of political specialists but frequently with economic, naval and military gentlemen as well.

Finally, there are geographical limits to where you can profitably send a woman. In Egypt, Persia, Pakistan and other Moslem lands women are still treated as inferiors, and it would be considered highly indecorous for a woman to conduct herself in the manner necessary for her position as Ambassador.

All the way through, it seems to me, you are up against the same old dilemma. A girl who starts out to be a diplomat may be cast for one of two roles. Either she may become a heretofore successful husband in a machine with all the disadvantages of womanhood and none of the attractions.

Or she may get happily married and devote herself to bringing up a family, which as everyone knows is one of the most exacting forms of modern diplomacy.

How simple it would be to answer the question about women in diplomacy if only exceptions like those I have listed above did not keep cropping up!

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Fabian of the Yard--No. 27:

THE MAN DEVIL'S ISLAND COULDN'T HOLD

By Superintendent Robert Fabian

That white-haired old man was up to mischief. Instinct made me watch him. I was in the lush foyer of a West End hotel. The old man sat pretending to read a newspaper. But behind it his white head bobbed like a cotton spindle.

I stepped behind a potted palm, probably appearing no less furtive, and continued to watch. It was 1928. I had passed my examination for detective-sergeant three years ago, but they hadn't promoted me yet. I was spending my leisure prowling London, seeking crime.

The old man got up, walked near the reception desk, picked up an expensive rawhide suitcase awaiting a porter, carried it along to his seat.

He seated himself, buried his face in his paper. Soon a prosperous-looking man came seeking the vestibule angrily.

My potential victim lowered his newspaper as the man approached. He indicated the suitcase silently. With a curt nod the owner claimed it.

In a few minutes the old man had done the same thing again—with a sleek pigskin travelling-bag—and the same result.

He had two more attempts. Obviously he was trying to pick a bag that would not be immediately claimed.

It was such a pathetic, fumbling method of trying to steal. I walked briskly across the soft hotel carpet. As much to put him out of his dithering misery as to prevent theft, I arrested him on a charge of loitering with intent to steal.

I arrested a legend

I took his thin arm, as gently as I could. "You want to give up crime before it becomes a habit, Dad?" I said.

I took him to Vine Street Police Station. The station sergeant's eyes widened. "Hullo!" he said, surprised. "What's he been doing?"

"Loitering with intent, sarge," I said. "Why—d'you know him?"

The sergeant laughed. "I thought everybody in the Force knew him," he said. "I think practically everybody in the world knows him! That's the famous Eddie Guerin you've got there, my boy—the man who escaped from Devil's Island!"

Then I remembered. It was a famous case. Eddie Guerin had robbed the American Express Company office in Paris, taken £40,000 from the safe. He was sentenced to life imprisonment shipped to Devil's Island. The tale of his escape, his hardships, endurance, was one of the classics of criminology!

Eddie Guerin met my glance, his eyes on mine curiously alive. "No harm done, son," he said, "and no hard feelings. I deserved what I got."

I rather like the old man for that. He received three months at Marlborough Street. While he was doing them I studied his interesting story. It is always interesting to meet a legend.

Eddie Guerin was 41 when he was sent to Devil's Island penal settlement in French Guiana, five degrees above the Equator.

"Escaped from Devil's Island" was the next terse entry in his

file. It bore no date. Then from 1918 onwards followed a series of petty convictions in England:

Eddie's memory of a girl

I was glad when Eddie Guerin came to see me at Vine Street police station after his three months was done. "I'm wondering if you don't owe me a drink, Mr. Fabian," he

said. He looked a little paler, thinner. "I took him for a meal," I said. "You don't give it up, Eddie, sell your story, then get a job?" I asked.

He smiled slowly, the longed-for first beer of freedom poised in his wrinkled hand. "You're a queer, kind of boy to talk like that," he said quickly. "How old are you?"

"Twenty-seven," I said. "Well, I'm 68," he said. "They don't give you jobs when you're that age—and with my record."

He took a long drink. "I've no family," he said after a while, "at least, none to live with. Wherever I go, I'm alone. I've got no trade... only crime. But I don't want to die in prison, son... would you?"

I promised to help him sell his story. But, although tempted, he would not. "I don't," he said reluctantly. "There'd be reprisals."

"Not against you, Eddie," I said. "The French can't touch you in England."

He regarded me solemnly. "There's a girl," he said. "Drink was warning his tongue. 'Ede's still there—in that damned green flying pan. They could get at her—and hurt her, couldn't they?"

atches of four, to the little seaport where the prison ship waits." He swallowed.

It's better to go overboard

"You go below into steel cages, 50 men to each cage. At first they're hazy with steam, and you wonder why. Well, the warders have been testing the steam-pipes. They can squirt scalding steam into those cages—stew the meat off your bones at the sign of a riot."

"It doesn't make you feel very human," he said. "The voyage goes on about three weeks. One hour on deck each day, that's all. At night men twiddle and cry in their sleep. It's funny—by an inspection lamp you can see his bearded men fast asleep, with tears running out of their shut eyes."

"Some men go overboard during exercise hour. They don't stop the ship. The warders just strap 'em better where he is, that's all. That's encouraging, isn't it?"

I murmured something. Eddie didn't seem to hear. He went on: "They dock at St. Laurent. Most of 'em go to the mainland prison. Maybe I was a freak, an Englishman, so they put me on Devil's Island, just a bit of rock out to sea. It only holds about two dozen men, mostly political prisoners."

Droyfus was one of 'em; he'd been there two years earlier. His hut was still there, made of mud, driftwood, palm leaves.

"They give you some gear and tools, and the warder says: 'You've got a week to build yourself a hut, my little brave one. If not, we'll find you a hole in the rock on St. Joseph Island.'"

"That was the worst place, that St. Joseph," said Eddie. "Those holes—you couldn't quite stretch full-length. There was no sunlight—just a plank to sleep on. After a few weeks in darkness your eyes get gummy and sore, and seeped up."

Giant insects welcomed

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"The insects were thick in 'em, because they weren't often cleaned out." He looked at me, "I don't mean just mosquitoes, son," he said quietly. "You understand. Sometimes poisonous centipedes two feet long. I've known men chuckle like kids on Christmas morning to find a giant centipede in the hole with 'em—they'd pick it up and flail themselves with it, then scream for guards as the poison puffed out their skin like necklaces of red sausages."

"You see, that way they got a spell on the hospital island, St. Royale."

"How long were you on Devil's Island, Eddie?"

He mused. "Couldn't say, son. Couple of years, maybe. I was well behaved, didn't intend to stay there and rot to death. So at last they sent me to the mainland to St. Laurent, on the edge of the jungle and the Maroni River across to Dutch Guiana."

"Was that the escape route?"

He kept escape secret

Eddie regarded me, slightly drunk but still cautious. "Escape route?" he echoed. "You seen the alligator pool at London Zoo? Well the Maroni River was like that. Shiny logs on red mud banks, except that when you rippled the water—it was brown as coffee, that water—those logs would blink their eyes and slide in after you. And beyond that was just jungle for 400 miles, about as far as from London to Edinburgh!"

Eddie Guerin's unsteady voice had risen until it was almost a little shriek, and people in the saloon bar were beginning to stare.

"Steady on, Eddie," I said. He gathered his self-control. His eyes, bleared slightly with uncustomed drink—it had been only a few glasses, but he was just out of Fentonville—focused me firmly.

"Yes," he said, "you're quite right, son. It was all a long time ago. Let's forget it, eh?"

That was as near as I came, and as near, I think, as any living man has yet been, to extracting the true tale of the epic escape of Eddie Guerin from Devil's Island.

Mystery of Thomasine

Eddie Guerin himself died on December 5, 1940, in a public institution at Bury, Lancashire. He had been evacuated to London. Before that he lived at a men's lodging-house in the Vauxhall district of London, drawing an old-age pension. He was 80 years old when he died.

I made a few inquiries. There was a young French girl named Thomasine who had been sent to Devil's Island about the same time as Eddie Guerin. She was rumoured to have helped him to escape, in some way, and still there, an incredibly old woman, withered with sufferings. I do not know if there was any romance between them, nor indeed how there could be.

But it would be strange if Eddie Guerin had to be sent to hell in order to find his heaven; then struggled back heroically into life—to discover nothing but misery, poverty and a pauper's death.

NEXT WEEK: Fabian rounds up the crook who had his "open sesame" to loot a block of luxury flats.



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Inside information

By Mercury

Britain will retaliate unless the 1949 general agreement on trade and tariffs. Brazil has just raised her tariffs on textiles without consulting her treaty partners.

Mr. Shinwell, British Minister of War, is learning to speak French and takes regular weekly lessons.

A new Arab army in North Africa will be raised by Cyrenaica. The War Office has lent a colonel of the Scots Greys to advise and direct training.

British geologists in East Africa have struck datomite, a substance which counteracts radio-activity. Samples are being flown to Harwell atom station for testing.

Mr. Isaacs is to overhaul the arbitration machinery of the Ministry of Labour. Several unions have complained to him that its slowness has led to unofficial strikes.

Mr. Attlee is now convinced that the causes of dockland unrest in Britain, must be discovered and remedied before the Communists exploit the next grievance.

On instructions from Moscow, British Communists are forming an industrial panel covering both docks and railways to organise sympathy strikes.

The Egyptian Government is agitating for Mr. Bevin to open treaty talks on the basis of the most recent communication from Cairo. Egypt fears that it would have no chance of concessions from a Churchill Government.

Thousands of pamphlets in Russian are being secretly distributed today in East Berlin. Subversive leaflets are circulating in the Eastern German police army.

The United States has lost one-third of its markets in Brazil to European competitors since the end of the war.

A fragrance Bureau is to be set up by the British perfume trade to make the public scent-conscious.

Two hundred and fifty Bren carriers, sold off in Ceylon at the end of the war, have been reconditioned by private firms and shipped to Siam.

The Argentine has asked Britain for a sterling credit. The Foreign Office and the Treasury oppose this demand.

The Treasury is studying proposals from the Jordan Government for re-entering the sterling area. The Jordan Finance Minister will visit London this month.

An officer of the Soviet Smersh organisation, a special branch of the State police—that spies on Russian military leaders, has fled from Germany and reached Britain. Alarmed at increased vigilance since the Fuchs revelations, he has given himself up to the British authorities and revealed valuable information.

Mr. Attlee favours financial aid to Burma, which is now menaced by the Communist drive in South East Asia. Treasury officials have warned the Government that any more releases of frozen sterling credits to Burma would result in similar demands from countries still within the British Empire.

Egypt has turned down Soviet offers to barter large quantities of grain for Egyptian cotton. The Cairo Government have discovered that Egyptian cotton bartered in previous deals was being resold by Russia to European countries.

President Truman has expressed his regrets to Sir Basil Brooke, Premier of Northern Ireland, that he was unable to receive him while in Washington. The Pres-

dent did not wish to risk losing the Irish vote in the Congressional elections.

Expect several prominent Socialists to be raised to the peerage soon.

Mr. Menzies' preamble to the bill outlawing Communism in Australia has been carefully studied by Britain's Communist leaders Harry Pollitt and Palme Dutt.

Conservatives are anxious that the parliamentary deadlock should not precipitate an election before the rise in prices caused by Socialist policy has had its full effect on the electorate.

Socialist agents have been told to be ready for a snap election at any time from June onwards.

Japanese shipbuilders have already laid down twice as much shipping as Great Britain this year.

Saudi Arabia has decided to enlarge and modernise her army on the same lines as other Arab states with mechanised units and jet fighters.

Emir Mansoud, Saudi defence Minister, will visit Britain shortly to review training of military missions here. Missions are also to be sent to the United States and Egypt.

Poland, prompted by Moscow, has debarred Yugoslav architects from the International Congress of Architects being held this year in Warsaw. The Royal Institute of British Architects has decided not to send a delegation to the Congress.

America has made September 1951 her target date for completing rearmament of Atlantic Pact countries—one year ahead of the previous schedule.

Marshal Voroshilov, has been appointed Supreme Chief of General Staff of all Soviet satellites, now forming an Eastern European military union.

An economic conference to stop the rot in Africa and West Indies is advocated by Dr. Osborne of the Marshall Aid Administration. He has suggested that Britain preside at a conference in Paris with France, Portugal, and Belgium. The Colonial Office is not in favour of the plan.

Wilhelm Pieck, President of the East German Republic, is on a prolonged indoctrination course in Moscow.

Alarmed at Allied strategic interest in the Dardanelles, the USSR has started a ferocious propaganda offensive against Turkey.

The appointment of Supreme Chief of Staff for the three Services on the American pattern will be adopted by all West European countries.

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"I hope you don't mind my twin sister coming away with us, dear — we've never been separated before!"

They are not forgotten

Angelo was a tubby little man. He had a blue chin, a wide cheerful grin and big soft Latin eyes. He spoke a little English. What he had had learned in Brooklyn, and so the person whose grave I had come to see had become "Lootenant" Taylor.

But that did not matter. Angelo knew them all: by name, by rank, by regiment, and mostly where they had died.

Not that he thought of them as dead. When one asked for someone Angelo would not indicate a plot and a row number. He'd say: "Yes, I take you to him." On the way he'd tell one about the others. And somehow from Angelo and the little bits of flower that grew out of the thin Italian soil one did think of this as a living place.

This cemetery was small, if one can ever say that about the burial place on a battlefield. But it was small in that its name did not mark one of those places which are quickly identifiable with a turning-point in the history of the war. Men had been moving forward. There had been a check, a quick, sharp battle.

Patriotism

By MONSIGNOR R. A. KNOX

It was characteristic of the English casualness that they should pick up a Levantine saint and make a patron of him when England went on the Crusades. It was characteristic of English luck that the name he bore should have become, in these last two centuries, dynastic. In a vague way St. George is still remembered, Alban and St. Thomas are forgotten. Criticism has shown him of his legend, and he has become a symbol, the symbol of a suspect virtue—patriotism.

To be a patriot is to assert a preference, is to be in some measure, exclusive. Nor may we be glad, in defence of such an attitude, the amenities of English life or the virtues of the English. If you really believe in patriotism, you want Germans to be patriotic about Germany. A strange virtue, whose legitimate exercise makes some people regard Germany as more worthwhile than England. In wartime, angry critics of religion reproach us with the spectacle of two nations praying, and to the same God, for each other's downfall. Did He not make all nations of one blood? Does not the notion of a world-wide Church contradict the very principles of nationalism?

Nationalism, perhaps, but patriotism? The words are not synonymous. Nationalism narrows our sympathies, patriotism broadens them—it extends our vision of neighbourliness beyond the parish pump. That it is a supernatural virtue, nobody pretends; it is a natural virtue which religion must needs canonise, like friendship. Like friendship, it does not excuse us from higher claims, such as those of justice. But in itself it enlarges us; it is the mother of heroisms. Nor may we quarrel with it for stopping short at its own horizon. If you criticise Nelson as a lover of England, not of humanity, you must criticise the Man who died for Leeds—as a lover of Leeds, not of England. Federate mankind by all means; but as long as there are dragons about, leave us St. George.

Many had died, and those who lived had moved on again.

It was lonely, inaccessible country, hills mostly; but not unfriendly now. There were great jagged ravines and dried-up streams, long grass still growing which suggested that all the mines had not yet been cleared, and for a long time little crosses

By Gordon McKenzie

fashioned from the slender timbers of ration boxes had been scattered widely around.

Two years ago—

But that had been two years ago. Now they had been reunited in one place and Angelo was there with them.

Neither Angelo nor the place he watches over is mentioned in the report of the year's work of the Imperial War Graves Commission which has been published. Perhaps there is too much else to say.

There is too much to say. For this was but one small place and one local caretaker in one land, and there are many hundreds in nearly every corner of the globe.

Yet, large or small, it is typical of the monumental task which this Commission has carried on since its foundation 33 years ago—work which Rudyard Kipling once described as: "The biggest single bit of work since any of the Pharaohs."

"And they," he added, "only worked in their own country." It is a story which everybody knows something about, but only a very little something. Even the statistics, compelling as they are, are not fully eloquent.

One can quote from a section of the report which deals with the last war: "By the end of March, 1949, the Commission had recorded 332,000 graves of members of His Majesty's Forces of the British Commonwealth."

It is estimated that the total casualties were 500,000 and the total graves 340,000.

These are men who died in the night and in the day, on the landing beaches, in the hills, in the air, on the sea, at home and abroad; sometimes they died alone and unknown and sometimes they died with their friends. They were men of almost every nationality in the Commonwealth, of many different religions, of every rank and station.

None forgotten

None has been forgotten. They have been sought out and brought together—an unbelievably difficult task; and their unconquerable spirit has been enshrined for all time.

One reads in the report such things as this, under the section dealing with the cemeteries in Iraq and Persia:

"There was a good show of brightly coloured flowers during

the spring and early summer and all the main cemeteries were a mass of bloom. There was a particularly fine display of roses at Baghdad North Gate Cemetery with a good contrast of colour from larkspurs, carnations, sweet peas."

Baghdad—roses and sweet peas! Or under Tanganyika:

"The German war memorial was also washed and all German graves in which the soil had subsided were filled in."

France has nearly 470,000 graves of both world wars. By far the largest number are in British military cemeteries or extensions to communal cemeteries. The remainder are in communal cemeteries, some of which are cared for by the Commission's officers, others by the French civil authorities.

Some of these graves in the communal cemeteries, often alone or in ones and twos, are in remote areas of the West coast of France or in the Alps or Pyrenees. Yet they are visited and cared for just as they are cared for in Prague, Belgrade and Budapest.

When I read in this report that cemeteries elsewhere in the Balkans could not be visited because Commission officials were refused passports, I remembered what an old Turkish official had once said to me when we visited together the 31 British war cemeteries in the Dardanelles. "We have an old saying here," he said: "Brave enemies who fight hard become after the battle loyal friends."

Crimean war

It is in Turkey, too, at Haidar Pasha, the Asian terminus of the Bosphorus for the supply route to Baghdad, that a memorial of Aberdeen granite stands for the dead of the Crimean War.

It was shipped out by Queen Victoria and had stood from that day until then without requiring repair.

Thus the work of this Commission—in caring for the dead of the Peninsula and Crimean Wars goes on. It is a task for all time. Soldiers and airmen and sailors are dying now in Malaya as recently they were dying in Palestine. Isolated British dead of both wars are still being found. Last year there were 110, only six of the dead of the 1939-45 war.

Every one fought and died to end war, and yet it is in the midst of war that the Commission's work continues.

"In Greece," they say, "owing to a temporary lull in guerrilla activity it was possible to carry out the first full inspection. Reports were encouraging. In the Strima Valley a local gardener had, on his own initiative, set up a small nursery to provide the needs of the cemeteries during the time when communications with Salonica were cut off."

One day perhaps it will be different. That will be the day when "the biggest single work since the Pharaohs" has paid a dividend in humanity to the living as well as an everlasting memorial to the dead.

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NEW YORK LETTER



Once upon a time there lived a Yankee Tourist with lots and lots of dollars.

He had a loud voice, and a windmill personality and he free-wheeled gaily through the best suites of the best hotels of the best cities, through the best restaurants, through vast loads of champagne, and billboards of the all-American dollar "Iron men."

The American Tourist of 1950, however, is Miss Shirley Anson, of Ohio and West 82nd Street, who will peddle a pushbike through England's green and pleasant land with a Youth Hostel group. Or Miss Jane Fradenburgh, of Vermont and West 73rd Street, who has been going without lunch for months so she could save enough to come over and see the Britain of 1950.

The American tourists of 1950 are 400,000 students and farmers' wives, bricklayers and women's club organisers and bank clerks. More school teachers will visit Britain this year than all the exporters, importers and salesmen put together.

Sandwich lunches

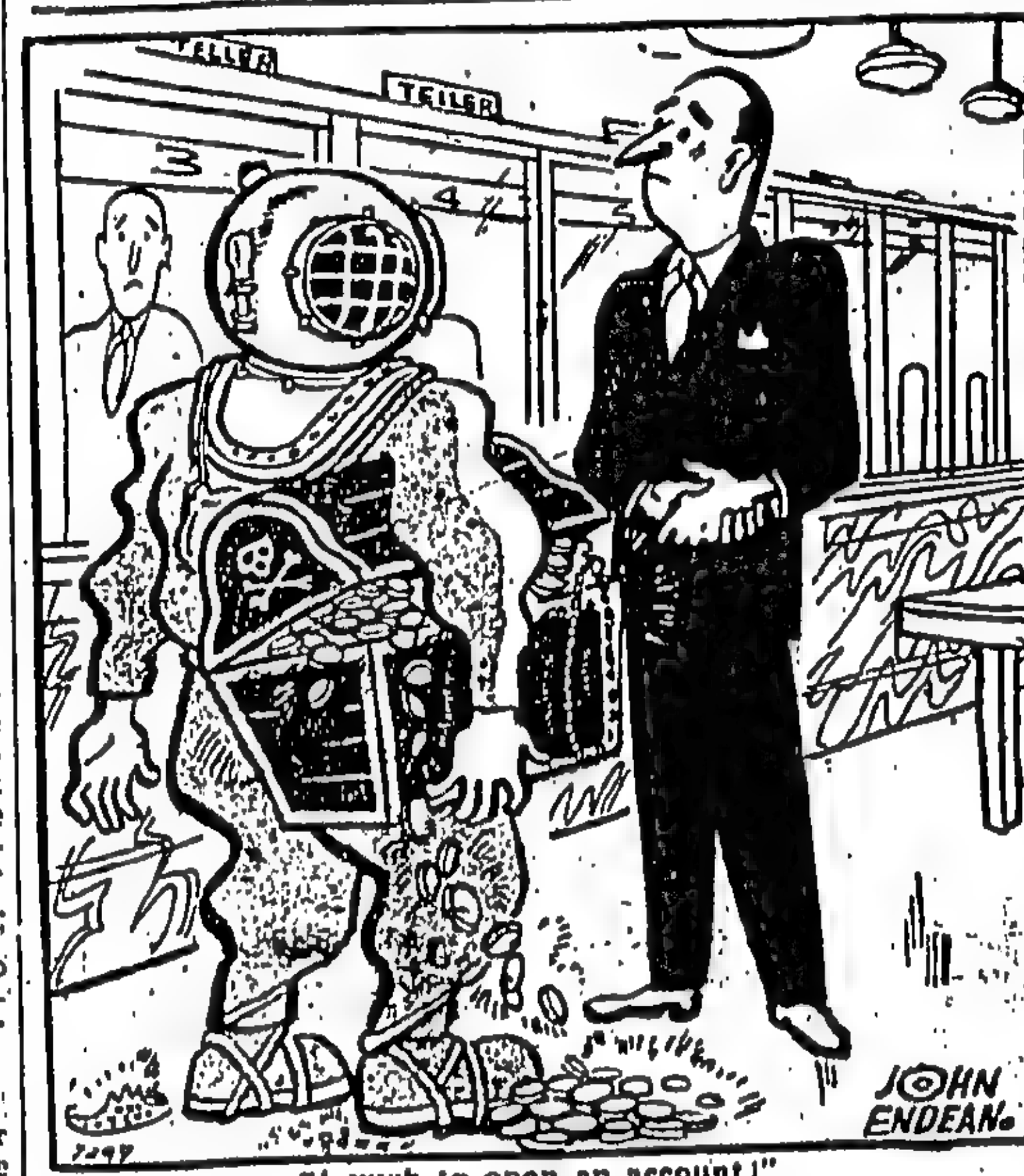
And according to the travel consultants here, certainly half of them will be living and travel-

encouraging the 400,000 are now having to provide public and private warnings like this nine-point edition carried in the pro-British New York World Telegram:

1. Travel out of season, bring down hotel costs.
2. Look for the middle-priced boarding houses, not the expensive hotels.
3. Plan economies in your mode of travel before you start.
4. Never take taxis. Buy a street map and go by bus.
5. Travel light. More bags mean more tips for more porters.
6. Keep out of black market currency or you'll get counterfeits.
7. Don't over-tip or you'll spoil things for the British. 15 per cent is enough anywhere.
8. Check menus and prices, relate them to dollar values before ordering.
9. If you don't want to be overcharged in the shops take a British friend along.

It is a tragedy, but an inevitable one, that one dollar-grubbing reaction on our part should provoke such a humiliating reply.

Another characteristic of this school of thought appears to be that if Britons are to take the



"I wish to open an account!"

ling on what is known in New York as "margin" — in other words, sandwich lunches if they're not too expensive.

Favoured by the \$2.80 exchange rate, the others will arrange things comfortably, but there will still be a close watch on the pennies and the pounds.

Yet a school of thought has emerged, in both official and unofficial circles in London, that clearly has no realisation of the changing fashions in American tourists.

The economy-minded American Tourist agency of 1950 is referred to as "Mr. Dollar." He is told before he leaves New York that he is one of Britain's "invisible exports," or a "contribution to Britain's economic recovery."

Crusty landladies

All of which seems to have proved the inevitable encouragement for the short-changing taxman, the sour porter and the crusty landlady; and the waiter who habitually stands like a thundercloud in the wake of a 10 per cent tip. Here is another lamb ready for slaughter at the hand of the outstretched palm.

The American travel agencies who have done such a good job

American's money then he should be able to take his choice.

Red tape is cut

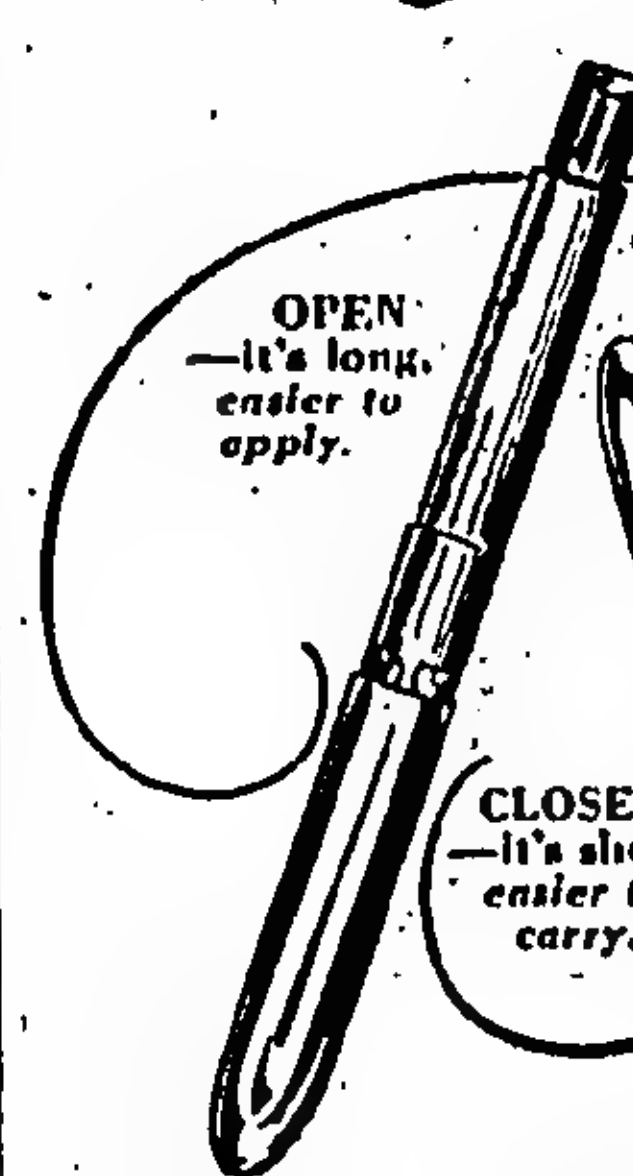
Therefore red tape is cut, rationations are increased or are made more easy to obtain. Licencing hours are amended, the ceiling on meal prices is lifted, in the fond hope the dollar tourist trade will be helped along thereby.

Miss Anson and Miss Fradenburgh could not be more embarrassed.

In complete contrast to a view expressed that the American Tourist wanted the keys to the cities and the Crown Jewels in the belief that the customer with the dollars was always right, people like Miss Anson and Miss Fradenburgh are visiting Britain this year for the sole purpose of visiting Britain to see things as they are, not as they have been laid on.

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Between Ourselves

Accessories on Spring agenda

By Christine Jackson

There's a change in the air — you can see it in the curl of a duchess's tail as he solemnly parades down Queen's Road; the shiny pavements after a midday shower of rain; or the shrill call of a hawk displaying the latest in safety pins.

Milady, too, thinks of a change; how to renovate last year's shoes, the added change of a new collar (but the shape?) to last year's printed cotton, or even a subtle change in make-up featuring the Exotic (but grossly exaggerated) Sloe-Eye make-up!

The addition of a compact, plastic raincoat with matching hood, in its companion bag, is a boon to the shopper or traveller caught in the intermittent showers these May days.

For those who prefer a gabardine cover-all, the addition of a tartan cover to your umbrella, teamed with a matching handbag, does much to dispense the usual drab and hurried-looking appearance of a raincoat. But do dispense with rubber boots—a smarter (and easier) preference is the quickly slipped-on shoe cover, easier to manipulate and oh-so-much more satisfactory for throwing away after a recalcitrant shower.

High, wide and white — A step in the right direction for the accessory-wise girl is plique-in, huge collar, cuffs for sun dresses and boleros, house coats, blouses, and "casuals".

Pique again—this time for the piping around lounge, pyjama and matching coat (which can easily double over your swimsuit for the beach), reversible and washable handbags, covers, fuzzy-cat bows on filmy evening sheer afternoon dresses, a draw-string necktie with matching belt—both finished with carved Chinese, natural wood buttons, or miniature golf tees.

Hats are on the pique bandwagon, too; starched boaters reminiscent of Grandma's days... scull caps with Chinese scroll designs around the edge or fancy cut-outs of the wearer's initials, matching a dress hanky peeking out of the top pocket of an immaculate sharkskin suit, or linen town dress.

The tendency towards matching bags and hats is more in evidence with the advent of pastel linens this season—a duplicate design on bag and topper carrying out the embroidery or pleating of a plain pastel linen—to be worn as a threesome, or to live up to a last-minute change for the Races.

For those who want to be extravagant (and who doesn't when it comes to shoes?) there's the Capzio slipper with its severely plain covered-up look and medium heel—an excellent addition in matching linen or pique. Ring the changes with all three—but do exercise restraint in the colour combination or the effect will be somewhat akin to a 20th Century Harlequin!

The addition of two bluish-red roses tucked in the horse-shoe

neckline of a summer evening dress does much to enhance the appearance of both dress and wearer. The newer sailor-boy neckline with the merest hint of sleeves on the bodice is a perfect foil for pearls at the neck, or chunky costume bracelets with intricate fobs at the wrist.

If the weather be sultry—a quick subtraction of the above for the addition of an equally pre-emptive accessory—roses again. This time in any colour you prefer, but long-stemmed, tucked into the waist, with a third one disporting itself on your pouch bag secured with your favourite pin.

For evening, the accessory-wise lass can really show her ingenuity, but not all at once! For rime, it's an intricate brocade vanity, for others preferring the ballerina length, the current duff of gold or silver daintily strapped sandals from the solid colour.

The strapless evening dress has discarded the stole for the Paris-inspired starched collar (borrowed from the boys) even to the addition of a miniature bow tie!

But a word of warning to the "fashion first" in this guise; be sure the hair is short and neatly trimmed, for otherwise the general effect will strongly resemble the inmates of the Left Bank instead of the Ritz Bar!

U.S. as a woman sees it

This is perhaps an unkind moment to talk of slumping but a Chicago doctor has been saying some hard things about people whose feet hurt.

He says there's nothing like overweight for producing constant discomfort in the legs and feet.

It's probably unnecessary to mention again the fact that fat people are neither as healthy as their slimmer neighbours, nor do they live so long.

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Posture conscious?

By Sally Young

Because of her height, Rosalind Russell has been posture-conscious for years.

Up until the time she was 16 she was overly aware of her height and had a tendency to slump down, to appear more the size of the other girls. It made her unhappy that Mother Nature had commissioned her to tower above the crowd.

One day however, she was very rudely pulled out of her slump. A boy friend commented: "Rosalind always looks as though she were going to pick something off the ground."

That did it! But instead of suffering with hurt feelings, she decided to make an asset of her height and immediately set forth a campaign for herself, which she has followed ever since.

The Golden Rule for her is to look to the sky.

"Carry your head high. That is nine-tenths of the battle," says Miss Russell. "Just make sure you're looking up to something."

Another important exercise in Miss Russell's good posture-training routine, and one that helped her overcome her difficulties, is to stand against a flat wall and try to have the back, from shoulders to the calves, absolutely straight against the wall. Good control of the stomach muscles is essential in this, she points out.

"You'll just have to show those muscles that you are the master of the situation. Once you are master, I think you'll find yourself standing correctly with or without a wall at your disposal. It becomes second nature and serves you well all through life and in all walks of life. It has certainly served me," says the Columbia Pictures star.

We all know customs men rely a lot on psychology.

One New York man has really studied it, though.

Examining passengers off the Queen Mary the other day, he poised his piece of chalk (why do customs men always have such old beaten-up looking pieces of chalk?) over the luggage of Miss Alison Leggatt who, with Rosalind Crutcheley and three other British actors, has come over to play in the Graham Greene play, "The Heart of the Matter."

Asked the purpose of her visit, Miss Leggatt said "to act in a play" of which the customs man asked the title. On learning it he said he'd read it, and added: "You'll be playing Mrs. Scobie."

"Nice casting," replied Miss Leggatt, and passed on.

Several passengers later the customs man's chalk hovered over the bag of Helen Holt who plays the war bride with whom Scobie falls in love. Putting her through the same routine, he learned she too was here to act in a play.

"The Heart of the Matter, I suppose," said the customs man, usually scrupulous.

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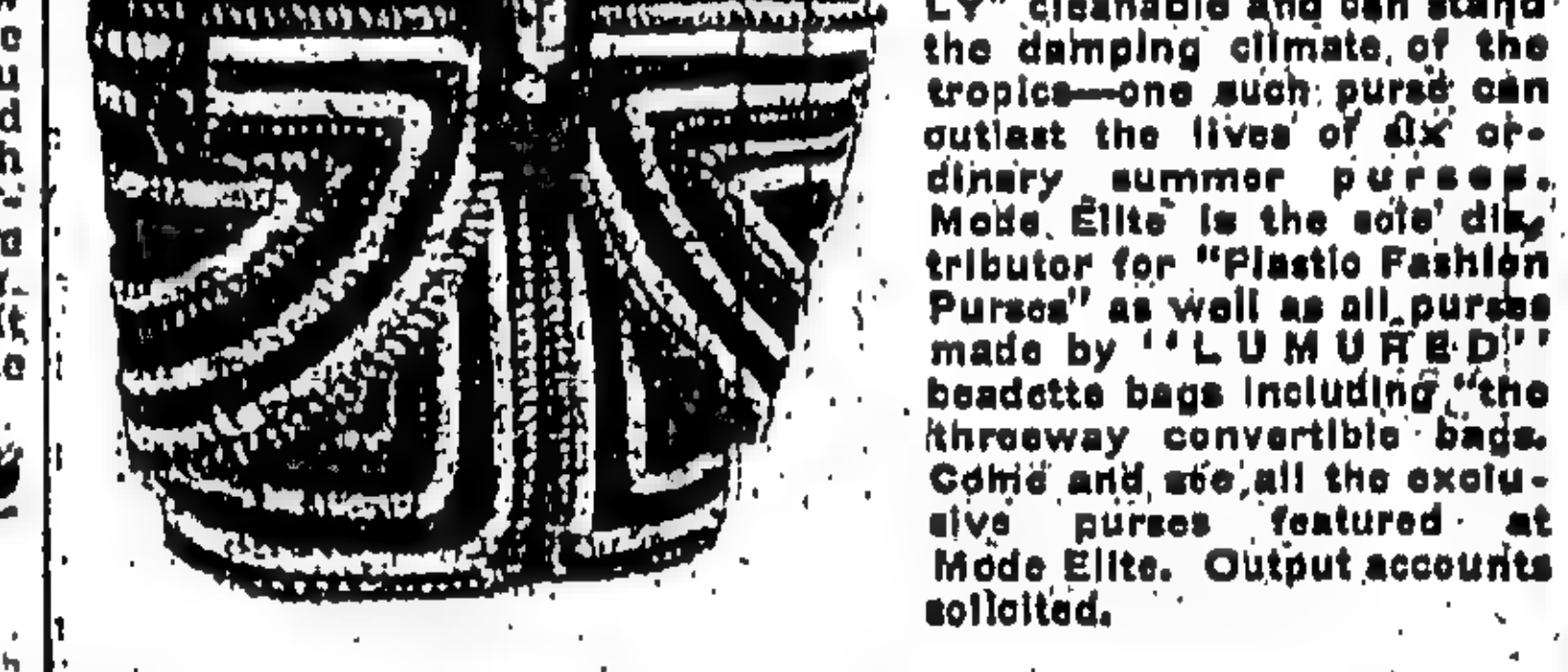
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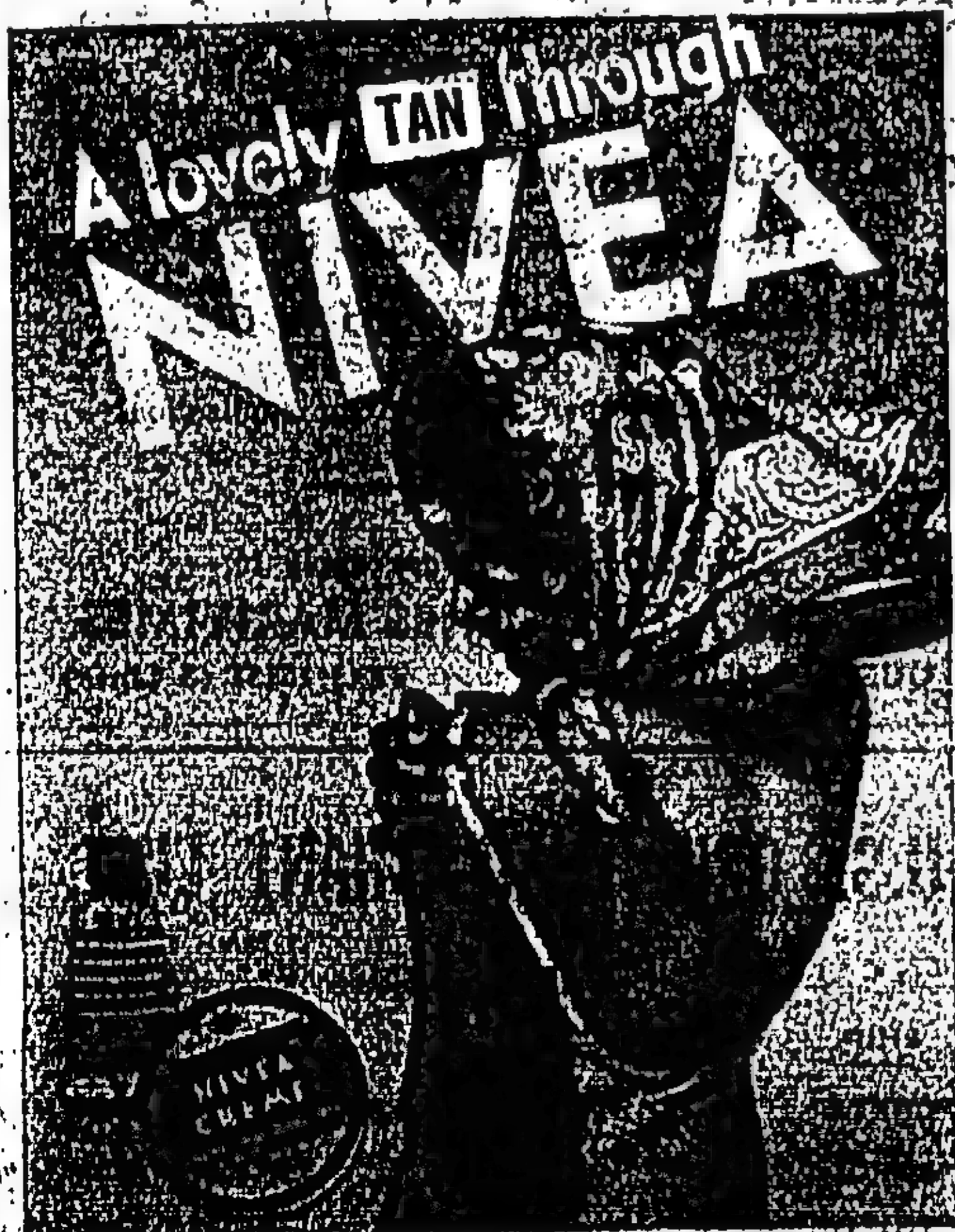


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COTTON COME-BACK

By AUDREY LEONARD

Palm Beach, Santa Monica and the French Riviera must look to their laurels this summer.

Inspired by last year's hundreds of hours of sunshine, British designers have produced an array of summer cottons and beachwear which will keep the sands sparkling and gay from May till September.

For most of us our summer wardrobe has consisted so far of two or three cotton dresses, kept hopefully for the few bright days allowed by our watery summers.

Last year the sun caught us napping, but summer wardrobe plans are being made early this year. They are being given as much consideration as autumn and winter clothes.

Most startling change is the switch-over to darker clothes. Summer dresses, carefully tailored in black and navy and trimmed with pique, are equally useful for casual and for business wear.

Deep russet, blue, green, and brown prints borrow their exotic themes from the Middle East and South America.

This year's cottons are sophisticated, with neat waist lines and important collars, and all those fashion points which made news in the spring collections.

A welcome but unexpected return is the one-piece swimsuit. Will it gradually oust the two-piece bra-and-pantle sets which have held sway for so long and so often on totally unsuitable figures?

Swimsuits, too, are darker, in black, navy and. Royal blue taffetas and satins.

Ultra-brief 'briefs' They have daintily cuffed bodices and often form part of an economical three or four piece "separates" outfit—swimsuit, overskirt, shorts and jacket.

Beach shorts are ultra-brief and cuffed. With the younger set, cotton jeans and jersey "doubles" look like becoming as permanent as they are in the United States.

Cotton will go to Ascot and this summer's garden parties in lovely sheers, organdies, broderie anglaise and volles.

There is no doubt that 1950 will be marked down on the fashion calendar as the year of cotton's return to its rightful popularity.

Cool and crisp

The inevitable tartan is appearing in cotton fabrics and makes some of the new season's most attractive and cool wear.

Mock patchwork is another amusing newcomer.

Cotton couture takes on a new importance as English women wear this crisp, easily laundered material for an increasing number of day and evening occasions.

Ann Temple

Impatient husbands

My husband is beginning to be terribly impatient, and even angry, that my mother is always included wherever we go.

She has come to live with us, is such a dear, and is most helpful, but she seems to expect to accompany us everywhere.

I would hate to hurt her feelings, but how can I get her to stay more in the background without doing so?—HETTY.

I am all for "Mother's" feelings, being a mother myself, but here I say definitely those feelings should be given a jolly good jolt.

The two generations just can't mix as one. They can be delightfully happy complements the one to the other, but crowd them together in the one boat and it sinks—inevitably.

It's your husband's feelings that must be considered. That's stern duty. Your mother is a "dear." Then you can tell her how your husband feels about it. She will understand. Probably she has been just thoughtless and didn't realise what was happening.

But tell her and at the same time go out of your way to make

her feel loved and wanted in all other ways. Get your husband to take her out on his own occasionally and stay in the background yourself. That will help break the established altogether habit.

I don't say she is not going to have a jolt, but it just has to be given.

I have an ever-present feeling of apprehension. Possible calamities, particularly as regards physical health and accidents to my children, assume immense proportions.

My optimism recedes as I grow older. How do I overcome this?—TROUBLED.

"As I grow older," you say. Does this mean you are beginning to rely more and more on others for your peace of mind?

Our optimism, our happiness we find only from within ourselves. When we have discovered that secret we can cope with all that befalls us. It is knowing we can and will cope that sends apprehension packing.

He can't keep his mind on a subject for more than a quarter of an hour and his lack of progress at school is causing us anxiety.

He has never liked doing anything that didn't come easy, and now, at 11½, he is beginning to worry himself about this.

He is bright and, outsiders get a favourable impression of his intelligence. His trouble is inability to concentrate and a certain amount of laziness. I feel there must be some way to help him, but cannot find it.—MOTHER.

The significant point here is that the child is beginning to worry. Are you making sufficient allowance for the fact that between the ages of seven and 13 the feelings come to their full expression?

A quarter of an hour's concentration, without the impetus of spontaneous interest and zeal, is a very good achievement. And too great a strain unless there is a balancing development on the creative and artistic side.

See that he has a hobby which uses his feelings for beauty. He may want to draw and paint, or construct with wood or plastic material, or he may need more of his own making. Find his particular bent which will keep him absorbed without his knowing that he is concentrating. See to it that his development is balanced. It is all-important as the cure you are seeking.



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Polishing up your leg appeal

By Iris Ashley

Do you, by any chance, take a good deal of trouble with your face and hair, also manicure your nails religiously, and then go around quite happily with legs which—let's be brutal—are all too reminiscent of a gooseberry?

Of course, if you wear thick stockings your secret is your own; otherwise not. Furthermore, at any moment now you will want to discard stockings (maybe), so this is the time to get to work.

There is a cream on the market which will "de-whisker" your skin, without pain, most efficiently. Then it is a good idea to use pumice-stone on your legs from the knee down, every day when you have your bath. It may sting a little at first, but the skin soon gets used to the treatment and becomes much smoother.

Finally, it's a good trick to use hand lotion on your legs and also on elbows and upper arms. If you want to look good in a swimsuit, remember Rome wasn't built in a day. Your first day out in the sun is a bit late to realise that you need beauty treatment.

In search of other beauty news for you, I toured the Beauty Exhibitions of the London Ideal Home Exhibition recently, and came up with quite a few items of interest.

There is an edition of the war-time "barrier" also cream, which was used to protect hands engaged on industrial base, smells nice, and is intended for housewives. Cover your hands and under the nails with this before going to work on the chores; it stops the dirt from getting into your skin, and feeds and softens the skin too.

Cream rouge

There was a cream rouge in a nice, neat little pack, handy for carrying around. (It comes in all colours, and there's a new tone just right for a tanned skin.)

You can fix your lipstick so that it won't come off by applying a clear fluid with a brush. It stings a bit, but it certainly works. I know, because I tried.

There is a new nylon hairbrush which takes apart to allow boiling of the bristles for hygienic reasons; ideal, of course, for hairdressers or use in schools. The firm who make this also market a snappy little combination of brush-comb to be used with a jelly. This is intended to help you set your own curls, and the jelly dries very fast.

Other little gadgets which make an unbelievable difference to applying a really good make-up are a small, soft brush to remove excess powder, and a camel-hair brush with which to apply lip-

stick. Nobody who has ever discovered how much easier it is to make a clean line with a brush would ever wish to be without one.

Let's move over to the Fashion section, which is alongside the Beauty. Here I saw some really interesting shoes, from a famous firm with shops throughout the country. There were black suede "fettles" which had flat heels, NO WEDGES, and perforated tops—just like the ones I fell for in Italy last year.

And those black patent, low-cut, high-heeled court shoes, which are the rage among American teen-agers just now, can be bought.

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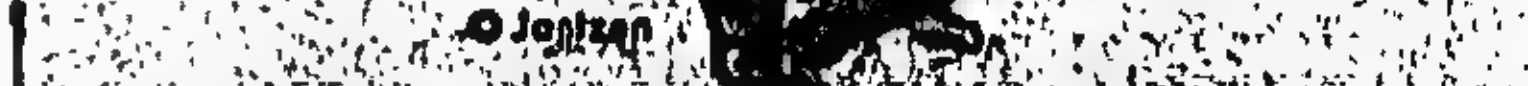
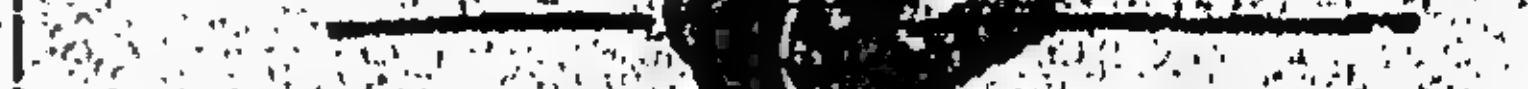
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COTTON MARKET HOPES

London, May 19.
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It was hard to believe that the British delegation ever entertained anything so unrealistic and there was no chance that the Americans would agree to such a scheme.
The advantages of such a scheme, the editorial continued, would have been small for Britain and would have done more to weaken Lancashire in competition with the United States and India in Far Eastern markets.
The "Guardian" said: "An informal understanding on trading methods and needs is a far more hopeful way of keeping Japanese competition within reasonable limits."
The "Guardian's" trade notes, commenting on the mission to Japan, said responsible traders in Lancashire had been in no hurry to comment on the results of the Anglo-American mission. An important question was the amount of foreign exchange available to Japan for the purchase of raw cotton.
It was not to be expected that wages in Japan would rise to any level approaching that in Britain. It said: "They are much more likely to be similar to those paid in India and there is much to be commended for the suggestion that India should participate in any similar discussions in future."
United Press.

FORMATION OF NEW COMPANY.

Canberra, May 19.
Australia's National Development Minister, Mr. Richard G. Casey, announced today the formation of a £100,000 company in which Australia will hold 51 per cent of the shares and the British Aluminium Company of London the rest.
The Company will develop hydro-electric power in New Guinea and Papua.
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Washington, May 20.

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That is the substance of the conclusions experts draw from the latest monthly report to Congress by the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

Nearly all business indices have been rising in recent months, and business prospects look good. So said President Truman, and so say his economists.

Yet the nation is affected with creeping unemployment. If unemployment keeps on rising indefinitely, any economist will agree that a day of reckoning must come. About the only healthy way to avoid unemployment is to provide more and more jobs. And that is what industry is doing. But it is not providing new jobs fast enough.

Leon Keyserling, acting Chairman of the Council, told a reporter: "We are not getting the expansion in industry and investment that we need to absorb the steady increase in the labour force. That is a serious problem."

The total number of employed persons has been rising for the past three months. But the monthly average is still lower than the monthly average for either 1947, 1948 or 1949. In March civilian employment stood at 57,551,000—slightly under the total for March of 1949, which was 57,647,000.

But the labour force keeps growing—the body of persons working or seeking work totalled 62,305,000 in March, 1949. It was 63,021,000 in March of this year—a gain of 716,000 persons. Unemployment increased from 3,107,000 in March 1949 to 4,123,000 in March of this year—a gain of 950,000. Those figures worry Government economists. They, the President and Congress are committed to the principle that America's economic hope lies in full employment. That means creating new jobs fast enough to give work to the ever-growing mass of persons who need it.

Must increase
In order to do this, according to the economists, the nation's industrial production must increase at the average rate of two and a half to three per cent each year. Two per cent of this increase would be to give new jobs to persons who have been displaced in industry because of increased productivity—the ability to turn out more goods per worker as a result of new machines and techniques. That means fewer workers are needed to do a given job.

The other one-half per cent of the needed increase in industrial production would be to provide jobs for the new workers who join the labour force each year as the population grows.
But in the past year industrial production did not increase. The index of production stood at 124 in March, 1949. It was still 124 in March, 1950. It has been rising ever since the post-war low of 101 last July but still is not so high as in 1947 or 1948.

Expenditures for new plant and equipment are on their way down, according to the Council. They amounted to \$18,120,000,000 in 1949. The Council estimates that they will be only \$16,000,000,000 this year. The annual rate dropped more than \$2,000,000,000 between the fourth quarter of 1949 and the first quarter of this year. In the second half of this year the rate will be only \$15,440,000,000, says the Council.

What can be done to expand production and bring about this ever-expanding economy? One measure, according to a highly placed economist, might be to increase somehow the volume of small business. For big business is getting bigger all the time and small business proportionately smaller. Another answer might be to reduce prices (chiefly by reducing the percentage of profits) in order to create greater consumer demand and stimulate greater production.
—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, May 19.
Talk of a new trustee loan sent gilt-edged prices up sharply on the Stock Exchange today. Motors, aircraft, shipping and newspapers were firm.

The Financial Times index was 108.3—Associated Press.

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N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, May 19.

An afternoon flurry of buying gave the stock market a substantial lift today.

Gains of fractions to around two points were scored before demand tapered and a slight reaction developed. Final prices were a trifle under the best marks of the session. Steels and motors were among the favoured issues.

Turnover was 2,110,000 shares. Interest in steels and motors may have been a belated response to excellent news regarding the two industries.

American Telephone reached a peak since 1947. Also ahead were Anaconda Copper, Phelps Dodge, New York Central, Consolidated Edison, U.S. Steel, General Motors, Goodrich, Westinghouse, Texas Company and American Woolen.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 78.62; 20 Industrials 222.11; 15 Rails 59.92; 10 Utilities 44.20.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 22 1/2

Alaska Juneau 2 3/4

American Can 119 1/2

" Smelting 56

" Telephone 161 1/2

" Tobacco 69 1/2

" Waterworks 10 1/2

Anaconda Copper 33 1/2

Aviation Corp. 8 1/4

Baldwin Locomotive 11

Barndall 53

Bendix Aviation 40 1/4

Bethlehem Steel 37 1/4

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Corn Products 67 1/2

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Eastman Kodak 47 1/2

General Electric 59

Motors 89 1/2

Goodrich 99 1/2

Goodyear 82 1/2

Honesty Mining 44 1/2

International Harvester 29 1/2

" Paper 45 1/2

" Tel & Tel 14 1/2

Johns Manville 51

Kennecott Copper 57

Montgomery Ward 59

National Distillers 22 1/2

" Lead

New York Central 14 1/2

Packard Motors 37 1/2

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Southern Pacific 56

Standard Brands 23 1/2

" Oil of Calif. 69

" Oil of N. J. 76 1/2

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" Carbide 50 1/2

US Rubber 42 1/2

" Steel 33 1/2

" Lines 16 1/2

Youngstown Sheet & Tube 85 1/2

Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/2

Railway bond issues drew mild support.

In the curb losers included

Panepco Oil, Humble Oil, Elec-

tric Bond and Share, Cities Service and American Republic—

Associated Press.

PEKING PAINTS BRIGHT PICTURE

San Francisco, May 19.
Goods were moving in larger quantities between Hankow and smaller cities of Central South China, Peking Radio reported tonight. In the third week of April there was a 61 per cent increase in cotton, a 68 per cent increase in cotton yarn and 116 per cent increase in salt transactions over the previous week.

This was one of a number of noticeable results of price stability in Central South China, the Radio claimed. It added that between March 1 and April 15 commodity prices had dropped by 24 per cent throughout this area. Since then prices had remained steady.

Communist dollars were now circulating in parts of the countryside which, "since the debacle of the Kuomintang currency," had refused to use paper money.

A tremendous volume of surplus currency had been called in since March through the extension of State treasuries to the Central South China area, the Radio added. The area surpassed its tax target in the first quarter of 1950 by 18 per cent and its sale of Victory Bonds was almost complete.—Reuter.

Money Market

US dollars were slightly higher yesterday, opening at HK\$6.07 1/2, rising to \$6.08, and closing at \$6.07 1/2.

TT was put through at HK\$0.12.

Sterling dropped five cents to HK\$15.30.

Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.55.

Plaster remained nominal at HK\$12 a 100.

Piculs went up to HK\$27 a 100.

NEI Guilders were unchanged at HK\$3.80 a 100.

CHINESE MINING OF TIN

San Francisco, May 19.

Peking Radio reported tonight that the Yunnan Tin Mining Company in Koklu had surpassed its April production plan.

Production of pure tin was 175 per cent more than planned. The output of ore containing 60 to 70 per cent of tin was seven per cent above expectations.

The Yunnan Tin Mining Company, established in 1949, is operated jointly by State and private capital. Ninety per cent of its shares are owned by the Government.—Reuter.

EXPORT CONTROL TIGHTENED

Washington, May 19.

The Commerce Department has tightened its export controls over nylon parachute cloth and some other strategic materials to prevent their shipment to Communist areas.

Licenses must be obtained from the Department to ship these

goods to any foreign country except Canada.

The control measure also applies to various scientific instruments, laboratory equipment, some industrial chemicals, parts for specialized electrical machinery, and some types of industrial or paper and pulp machinery.—Associated Press.



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Choral Group's rendition of Mascagni's opera is well received

Maestro Elio Gualdi's Choral Group gave a good account of themselves on Friday night when they presented Mascagni's one-act opera "Cavalleria Rusticana" at the Lee Theatre. It was a brave, sincere and entirely creditable performance.

The opera was presented on a stage stripped of superficialities. The suggestion of an inn was there; so, too, was the entrance to the church. But apart from that, an absence of colourful background imposed a heavy demand on the singers to lift the score from the deep and monotonous tragedy into which it unhappily descends. And they did this well.

Maestro Gualdi apparently selected his cast with care, because the principles were polished and poised. All gave ample indications of possessing splendid voices, all sang their parts with vigour and initiative, and showed good acting ability.

The orchestra, however, disappointed itself in such a way that the impression was conveyed it had arrogated to itself the task of performing the opera's score without the benefit of voices. It certainly did not behave as an accompaniment.

It did its best to drown the principal voices. Sometimes its unheralded loudness prevented the singing from being heard in the circle, and the performance of a pantomime rather than opera was often suggested. Only when the strings provided the sole background were the main voices able to be appreciated. In all their purity above the clamouring din.

But, still, it was a good show, and Maestro Gualdi deserves to be complimented for having put it on. When I heard that he was going to produce it, I wondered how he would be able to make his choral group—with all its marvellous internationality—sing in convincing Italian.

There was no justification for any nervousness on my part. The singers showed remarkably little trepidation. What impressed me was the ease with which they entered into the terrible drama of Mascagni's story. Maestro Gualdi—who surely knows "Cavalleria Rusticana" better than most people in Hong Kong—did a superb task in direction because even the chorus, in the assembly scenes, displayed familiarity with a story which all the world knows is not easily interpretable.

The presentation of "Cavalleria Rusticana" establishes this—that opera is not outside the scope of local talent, that there exists in this Colony—magnified too often for a supposed dearth of artistic taste—a group of people suitably interested in the diffusion of culture to the extent of attempting what Christiana Danton once described as the noblest form of theatricalism.

In the mannerisms, in the traditional approach, in the costumes and in the Grecian sobriety of the stage, manifestations were not lacking on Friday night that here at last is the germ of an eventual opera company for Hong Kong.

The orchestra

Having said this, however, let me emphasize once more that Maestro Gualdi should have been more careful with his orchestra. He seemed to me to have done his best with the available material, but the result was not good. His brass section was a motley crowd—too spirited, unsympathetic, offensive, even.

There were many highlights in the rendition—the famous aria of Santuzza's beginning "Voi lo Sapete," sung by Miss Lola Chang with great feeling and a fine display of histrionics, the dramatic duet "Bada, Santuzza, ach! non sono," sung by Santuzza and

Mr. Ujager Singh, staff number of the Hong Kong Treasury, will be decorated with the insignia of Member of the British Empire. He served the British Government under difficult and dangerous conditions in India where he handled expenditure far in excess of that normally handled by an officer of his status.

ACES give successful concert

The first General Public performance of the ACES—Amateur Club for the Entertainment of the Services—was held at the Kowloon YMCA last night before a very appreciative audience among who were Sir Alexander Grantham, Governor of Hong Kong and Lady Grantham.

The prolonged applause which followed each item was well-deserved and it last night's performance is any criterion of what the Services are getting every Thursday evening, then the men are very lucky to be in the Services indeed.

The ACES concert party, which was formed under the auspices of the Forces Civilian Entertainment and Welfare Committee in July 1949, have since last August put on forty or more shows at various camps in the New Territories for the benefit of the troops.

Derek Orchard acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The singing of both Miss Rena Keown and Mr. John Small especially in their duets in a skit "Old England" was spellbinding.

Miss Edna de Carte delighted the audience with musical selections on the accordion and the piano while Miss Maureen Payne's dancing entranced the audience.

Skills by various members of the ACES were entertaining and full of subtle humour especially "The CO's Office" and "East Lynn."

Mr. W. H. Nolloth, Chairman of the ACES concert party wished it to be known that he and the members of the ACES are grateful to all who have provided transport in the past for them to visit the different camps in the New Territories. Their present transportation problem has now been solved through the kindness of the Cathay Pacific Airways who have made available one of their airline buses for the members of the concert party's exclusive use every Thursday evening.

Mr. Nolloth also thanked all those who have aided in putting on shows and skits, among whom there were many who were unable to attend last evening.

Among the distinguished guests present besides Sir and Lady Alexander Grantham were:

Sir Arthur and Lady Morse, Mr. W. R. Scott, Major-General and Mrs. G. C. Evans, Commodore and Mrs. I. N. Brownfield, and Mr. D. Benson.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Public subscription to the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund received between May 18 and 19:

In memory of: Lieut. Mr. Perry Taylor

Mr. P. C. Jackson \$ 10.00

Received on May 12, 1950 \$ 2,774,872.89

Total \$5,774,282.59

Presentation of insignia to local residents

Insignia of awards made to nine local residents in the King's New Year Honours List will be presented to the recipients on June 1 at Government House, it was learned yesterday. Mr. Lo Man-wai, brother of Sir Man-kam Lo, will receive the insignia of the Order of the British Empire. Mr. Lo has served the Colony as a member of the Urban Council since 1940.

Miss Maud Ward, Mrs. G. A. Leiper, Mr. Un Ting-fan and Mr. Au Kwok-ling will also be decorated with the insignia of Member of the British Empire. Miss Ward served the Netherland Hospital since 1920 and has also been an Examiner on the Nurses Board where her knowledge of Cantonese has been of great value.

Mr. Leiper, formerly Miss Sybil Mary Swift, served the Education Department for more than 19 years. She made valuable contributions toward the furtherance of physical education of girls in Hong Kong.

Mr. Un Ting-fan has served the Colony for more than 30 years. During the Occupation he assisted a Committee in Macao which was then considering the workings of the Urban Council.

Police officials Mr. Au Kwok-ling, who retired from Government service shortly before the outbreak of the Pacific War, by which time he had reached the highest grade in the Junior Civil Service, was re-engaged and since the re-occupation has rendered most valuable service to Government.

Mr. K. A. Bidmead, Assistant Commissioner of Police, and Mr. G. S. Wilson, Police Cadet, will be presented with the King's Police Medal for distinguished service. Mr. Bidmead's zeal and courage in his command of the Kowloon and New Territories District is officially recognized in this award.

Mr. Wilson gave valuable service in the reorganization of the Special Branch from its old-fashioned methods to a modern system during his directorship of the special branch.

FRESH FISH

Prices of fresh fish, as quoted at the Hong Kong Fish Market, Kowloon, on May 20, 1950:

May Criminal Sessions

Twenty-two cases are to be heard during the May Criminal Sessions, most of them involving robbery and possession of arms.

The Sessions will start at 10 tomorrow, when pleas will be taken in the following order before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gault.

Wu Chai-bench of a deportation order.

Wong Lam-chuen, alias Wong Wah—breach of deportation order.

Cheung So, alias Lai So—breach of a deportation order.

Wong Mak-shun, alias Wong Sai-yuet, alias Wong Sai-hup, alias Wong Shu-hop—breach of a deportation order.

Chan Chuen, alias Lai Chuen—breach of deportation order.

Ng Cheuk, alias Ng Cheuk-lim—possession of arms and ammunition.

Wong Kwai—possession of arms and ammunition.

Shek Fuk—possession of arms and ammunition.

Cheuk Kwai, alias Cheuk Wah—possession of arms and ammunition.

Cheung Yung-fo—possession of arms and ammunition.

Chu Yiu-lin—possession of arms and ammunition.

Lau Ah-chap—possession of forged banknotes; uttering a forged document.

Chung Tung, alias Chung Hung, alias Yip Hung, alias Tai Hung—robbery with aggravation.

Colin Scott Brown—robbery with violence.

Tao Pul—robbery with aggravation.

Wu Kwong-hoi and Lau Chi—robbery with aggravation.

Lau Sau—robbery with aggravation, possession of arms and ammunition.

Wong Kin—robbery with aggravation, possession of imitation fire-arms.

Wong Pul—robbery with aggravation; larceny in a dwelling house; winding with intent.

Chen Ming-ling, alias Kin Tsai, alias Tung and Chen, alias Tung—robbery with aggravation (two counts); possession of arms and ammunition.

Sin Tso, alias Kong Tso, Ting Tung-hoi, Sin Hei, alias Lai Chi-lit, alias Sin Yu-ling and Sin Nam—robbery with aggravation; shooting with intent; winding with intent and possession of arms and ammunition.

So Wong, alias Chi-kan, La Cheung, alias Li Kwong-hung and Wong Fung-ling—two counts of robbery with aggravation (two counts); possession of arms and ammunition; three counts of receiving stolen property (three counts).

Pickpocket sentenced

For the larceny of \$200 from the person of Wu Hi-yin, a 39-year-old unemployed, Au Iu-choi was sentenced to nine months' hard labour plus a recommendation for banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuting said that at 11 p.m. on Thursday at a bus stop in Nathan Road, near Nelson Street, defendant was seen by a detective to unbuckle the back trousers pocket of complainant and take out \$200. On being approached by the detective, defendant threw the money on the pavement.

Mr. Orem said that defendant had one previous conviction for a similar offence for which he served a six-month term in 1948. This offence was also committed in Nelson Street.

Mr. Orem asked that the Court recommend banishment to test the defendant's claim to Hong Kong birth.

Vessels in Repulse Bay

During the months of May to October inclusive, no launch, ferry vessel or motor boat shall be or anchor or be under way in Repulse Bay, it was officially stated yesterday.

The ruling also applies to those parts of the bay known as Middle Bay and South Bay, to the Northward or Eastward of a line drawn from the most Easterly point of the island West of Repulse Bay (known as Tung Po Chau Island or Middle Island) to the red buoy moored off the fore-shore of Repulse Bay and thence to the Western extremity of the point dividing South Bay from West Bay (known as Chung An Wan). In the immediate vicinity of which are two small islands.

The regulation does not prevent launches, ferry vessels or motor boats from approaching the shore for such time as may be required for embarking or disembarking passengers as expeditiously as possible.

EUROPEAN FOILS ARMED ROBBERY

Two Chinese armed with chopsticks, knives, and a sword, were held up and robbed a Chinese woman at 9.10 a.m. yesterday in Scaffolding Lane, near Robinson Road, by a European who resided at 42 Robinson Road. The woman was taken to the hospital and the two Chinese were arrested. The European was charged with armed robbery and possession of weapons.

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